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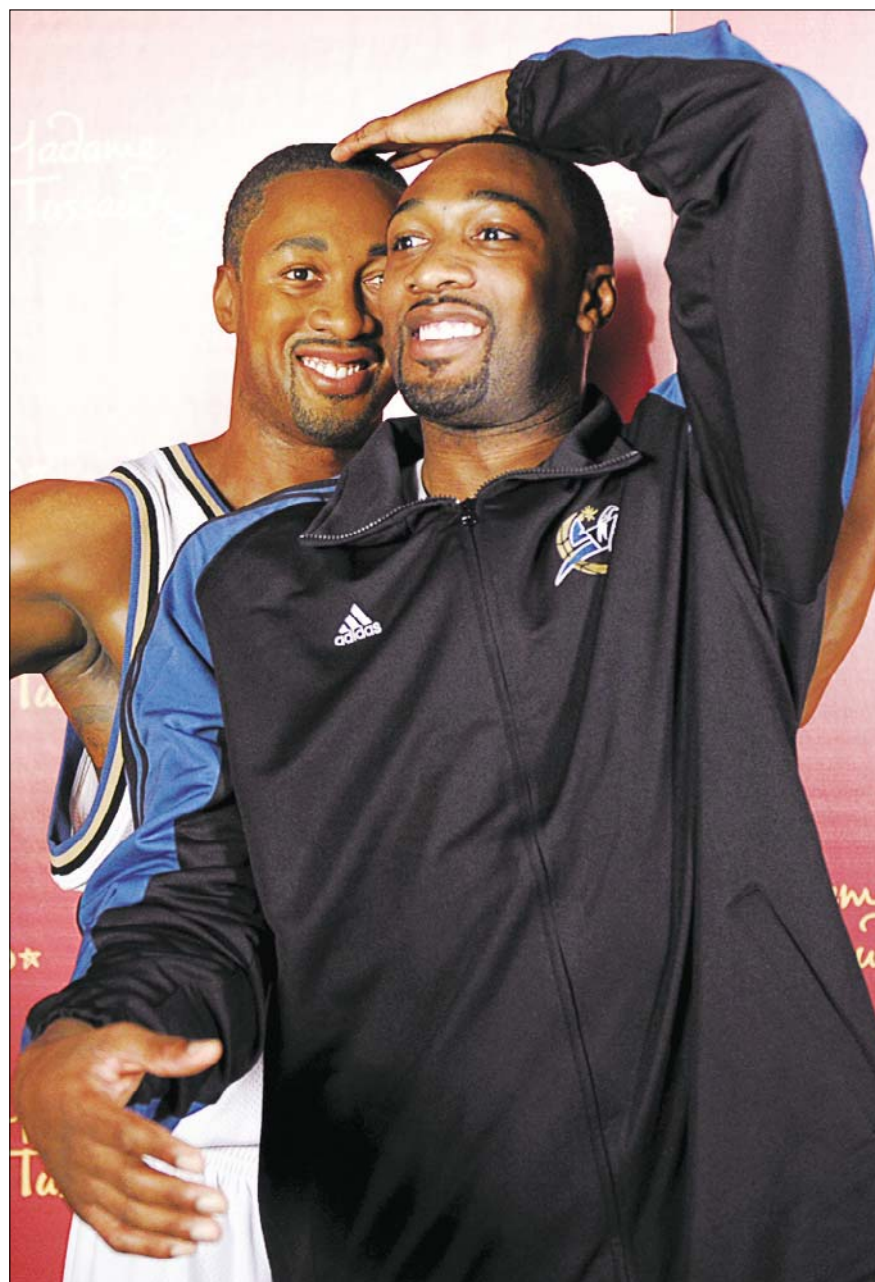
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JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Arenas Immortalized as Wax Figure

TWO OF A KIND: Wizards star guard Gilbert Arenas stands next to his wax figure, unveiled Thursday at Madame Tussauds. Arenas has yet to play this year as he recovers from a knee injury that will keep him out until early 2009. He said the 1-8 Wizards may be better off losing to boost their draft status and improve their future prospects. **Bright side:** Coach sees improvement | **Page 15**

Detainees Ordered Released

Judge: Evidence not credible enough to keep 5 in Gitmo

WASHINGTON | A federal judge on Thursday ordered the release of five Algerians held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the continued detention of a sixth in a major blow to the Bush administration's strategy to keep terror suspects locked up without charges.

In the first case of its kind, U.S. District Judge Richard J. Leon said the government's evidence linking the five Algerians to al-Qaeda was not credible, as it came from a single, unidentified source. Therefore, he said, the five could not be held indefinitely as enemy combatants, and should be released immediately.

"To allow enemy combatancy to rest on so thin a reed would be inconsistent with this court's obligation," Leon said.

As for the sixth Algerian, Belkacem Bensayah, Leon said there was enough reason to believe he was close to an al-Qaeda operative and had sought to help others travel to Afghanistan to join the terrorists' fight against the United States and its allies.

Leon also urged senior Justice Department leaders and high-level officials at other government agencies involved in the case not to appeal his ruling, noting an appeal could delay their release for up to another two years. LARA JAKES JORDAN (AP)

UNIQUE CASE Inside the ruling:

→ The decision largely hinged on Leon's definition of an enemy combatant, which he said included al-Qaeda or Taliban supporters who directly assisted in hostile acts against the U.S. or its allies.



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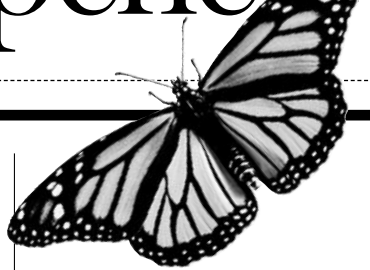
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eyeOpeners

GOOD SAMARITANS

Incredible Journey: Winged Edition

A monarch butterfly has a chance at completing its species' famed migration to central Mexico. About three weeks ago, Jeannette Brandt was out for a bike ride in rural Hadley, N.Y., when she spied the injured butterfly and took it home in her empty water bottle. She fed it rotting pears and water mixed with honey. A search of the Internet turned up a video demonstration on how to fix a broken butterfly wing. A little contact cement on the wing, some tiny cardboard splints, and the bruised butterfly was back in business. On Sunday, the couple took the healed monarch in a shoebox to Scotty's, a busy truck stop. Eventually, a trucker on his way to Florida raised his hand. On Tuesday, he called: The butterfly is now loose in Florida with its mended wing. (AP)



ANIMALS RUN AMOK

Where's His Permit?

A dog left inside a running van put the vehicle in drive, causing it to crash into a Long Island coffee house. Suffolk County police said no one was injured in the incident, which damaged the glass window and some patio furniture at Cool Beanz coffee shop in St. James, N.Y. Police said a 60-year-old Port Jefferson resident left the van running while he went into the shop. His dog, Bentley, somehow knocked the controls. Americans have always worried that their teenage children might crash the family car into a random storefront, but this makes it clear that the family dog is not to be trusted, either. (AP/EXPRESS)



AL BEHRMAN/AP

CRITTERS

Don't Be Fooled

Not to be outdone by the puppy cam, the Cincinnati Zoo has produced three cheetah cubs who have cornered the market on adorable. Here, a keeper bottle-feeds them, no doubt unaware that before long, these helpless creatures will mature into adults, who may well rampage across the Midwest, eating everyone they see. Two of the cubs will be kept in Cincinnati, and one will be sent to the Cleveland Zoo. It's not clear what that cub did to deserve it.

(EXPRESS)

MYSTERY

Like Santa, but Gross

Police in Framingham, Mass., are trying to figure out who keeps leaving chunks of meat on the town com-

mon and why. Police said residents have been finding butcher-quality cuts of meat on the common for about five weeks. In the most recent incident, a resident discovered a large piece of raw, unwrapped meat,

along with what appeared to be a liver and some bones on Tuesday. Police Lt. Paul Shastany said someone may be trying to poison animals, so the meat has been sent for testing. (AP)

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ONE AND DONE: A 24-year-old woman from Honolulu is worrying less about the nation's economy after her first trip to Las Vegas. That's because Jessica Agbunag won \$2.4 million Wednesday after putting \$16 in a slot machine at the California Hotel and Casino.

Nation

Napolitano Considered For Cabinet

Ariz. governor may be nominated to lead Homeland Security

WASHINGTON | President-elect Barack Obama is likely to choose Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano for the job of secretary of homeland security, top Obama advisers and several Democrats said Thursday as the shape of the president-elect's Cabinet begins to emerge.

The Obama advisers cautioned no final decision has been made on putting Napolitano in charge of the Homeland Security Department, the massive agency created by Congress after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. But the advisers said she was by far the top contender.

As governor, Napolitano has fought to curb illegal immigration, but she has been skeptical that building a fence along the border will solve the problem. She once said, "You build a 50-foot wall, somebody will find a 51-foot ladder."

She has also overseen emergency responses and worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, now part of the Homeland Security Department. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)



Napolitano

Dems Demand Plan From Big Three

Lawmakers postpone vote on bailout that was unlikely to pass

WASHINGTON | Democratic leaders in Congress sidetracked legislation to bail out the auto industry Thursday and demanded the Big Three develop a plan assuring the money would make them economically viable.

"Until they show us the plan, we cannot show them the money," Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said

at a hastily called news conference in the Capitol.

She and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Congress would return to work in early December to vote on legislation if General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC produce an acceptable plan. The decision averted a likely defeat of legislation providing \$25 billion loans for the industry.

The automakers are on a tight timeline. Reid and Pelosi said their plan must be turned over to key law-



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says Congress may work in December. GERALD HERBERT/AP

makers by Dec. 2. They said hearings were possible the first week of December, and Congress may return to session the following week to consider legislation.

Pelosi stressed that whatever the Big Three provided to Congress, it must show they had a plan for "viability and accountability," meaning that they were transforming their industry in a way that it would become competitive, and that they were clear about how the federal loan money was used. KEN THOMAS AND JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS (AP)

RIALTO, CALIF. | COMMUTERS ESCAPE TRAIN CRASH



CLOSE CALL: Firefighters remove a passenger on a stretcher from a Metrolink train after a collision with a BNSF freight train on Thursday. Police said five people were taken to area hospitals. The accident produced no serious injuries but brought back memories of a deadly commuter-train wreck in the region just two months ago that killed 25 people. ERIC REED/AP

Woman Accused Of Killing Agent From FBI in Raid

PITTSBURGH | A judge denied bail on Thursday for a woman accused of killing an FBI agent during a drug raid that led to her husband's arrest on cocaine-dealing charges.

Christina Korbe was arraigned early Thursday on a homicide charge in the shooting death of Special Agent Sam Hicks on Wednesday. Korbe said she thought her home was being burglarized and that she was shooting at an intruder.

Hicks and other law enforcement officers went to Korbe's home to serve a warrant on her husband, Robert, as part of a drug sweep. Christina Korbe called 911 during the raid and said her house was being robbed. (AP)



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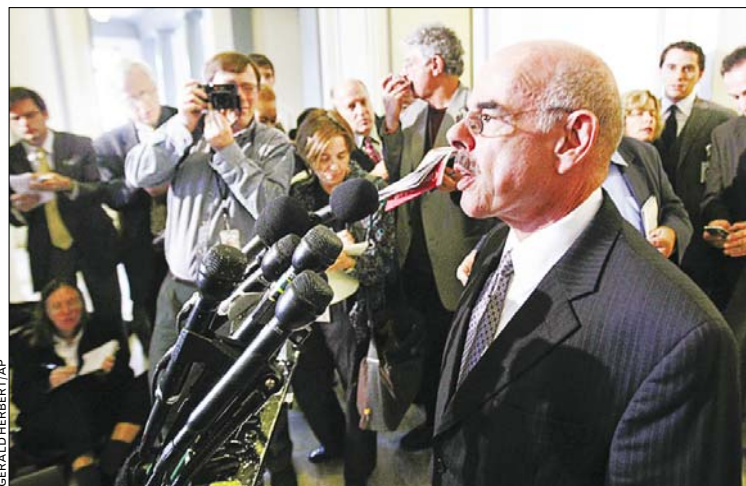
Waxman Beats Out Dingell

Calif. Democrat will lead House's key panel on energy, commerce

WASHINGTON | Democrats steered the House toward more aggressively tackling global warming and other environmental problems Thursday, toppling veteran Michigan Rep. John Dingell, a staunch supporter of Detroit's automakers, from an important energy panel in favor of California liberal Henry Waxman.

The switch could help President-elect Barack Obama with one of his favored issues: trying to curb global warming by limiting greenhouse gas emissions. But Waxman's combative stance on climate change and other issues also could alienate Republicans and moderate Democrats.

Waxman is an avid environmentalist and booster of health care programs — and a home state ally of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. He defeated Dingell on a vote of 137-122 in the Democratic Party



Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., talks to reporters after the House Democratic Caucus elected him chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

caucus, capping a bruising fight within party ranks.

The Energy and Commerce panel is one of the most important House committees, with sweeping jurisdiction over energy, the environment, consumer protection, telecommunications and health care programs.

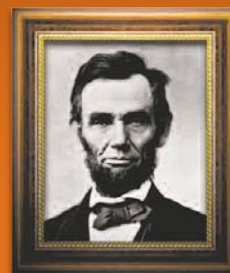
Dingell has been the top Demo-

crat on the panel for 28 years and is an old-school supporter of Detroit's carmakers and other big industries. His bitter battles with Waxman over clean air issues date to the Reagan administration and were recently revived as Waxman complained that the committee has been too slow to address global warming.

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LUCKY POCKET: R.J. Richard of Covington, La., says his cell phone saved his life. A stray .45-caliber bullet hit Richard's chest while he was mowing the lawn — hitting the phone in his chest pocket so hard he thought it was a stone kicked by his tractor. He suffered only a bruise.

Tobacco's Billions a Boon to States

Settlement is funding hundreds of projects unrelated to health

GOVERNMENT | In 2006, Alaska desperately needed cash to complete a museum featuring a mummified bison and other natural wonders of the frozen north. So the state dipped into its share of the landmark 1998 tobacco settlement.

The billions that began flowing from cigarette makers to the states a decade ago also helped outfit the Niagara County, N.Y., golf course with new carts and sprinklers. And the money has gone toward college scholarships in Michigan, tax breaks in Illinois and Ohio, a dog catcher in Lincoln, Neb., and jails and schools across the country.

Despite the promises of politi-



Alaska awarded money from the 1998 tobacco settlement to the University of Alaska Museum of the North in Fairbanks, Alaska, above, for a remodeling project.

cians and policymakers, states and counties have spent the lion's share of the settlement money on things that have nothing to do with pub-

lic health, even as once-falling teen smoking rates have stagnated.

Of the \$61.5 billion divided among 46 states between 2000 and

States note that no strings were attached to the tobacco settlement.

2006, only 30 percent was spent on health care, according to federal Government Accountability Office data. Less than 4 percent went to anti-smoking efforts.

States defend the ways they have spent their tobacco money, which is still being paid out in annual installments and is expected to total \$294 billion over 25 years. They note that no strings were attached to the settlement reached on Nov. 23, 1998, and that anti-smoking

campaigns do not cost billions.

"Our view was that was money that we had to spend as a result of tobacco-related illnesses. This was paying us back for that," said Scott Pattison, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers.

States had sued the industry to recover the crushing costs of treating smoking-related illnesses in people enrolled in public health programs. Big Tobacco also agreed to eliminate ads aimed at teenagers.

Gregory Connolly, director of Massachusetts' Tobacco Control Program from 1993 to 2003, said the failure to use more of the money for anti-smoking campaigns is a retreat from implicit promises.

"Every state court case had that built into it, that we're here for the kids," Connolly said. "But the legislatures said, 'This is our money. Thanks for suing, but we're going to decide how to spend the money.'" (AP)

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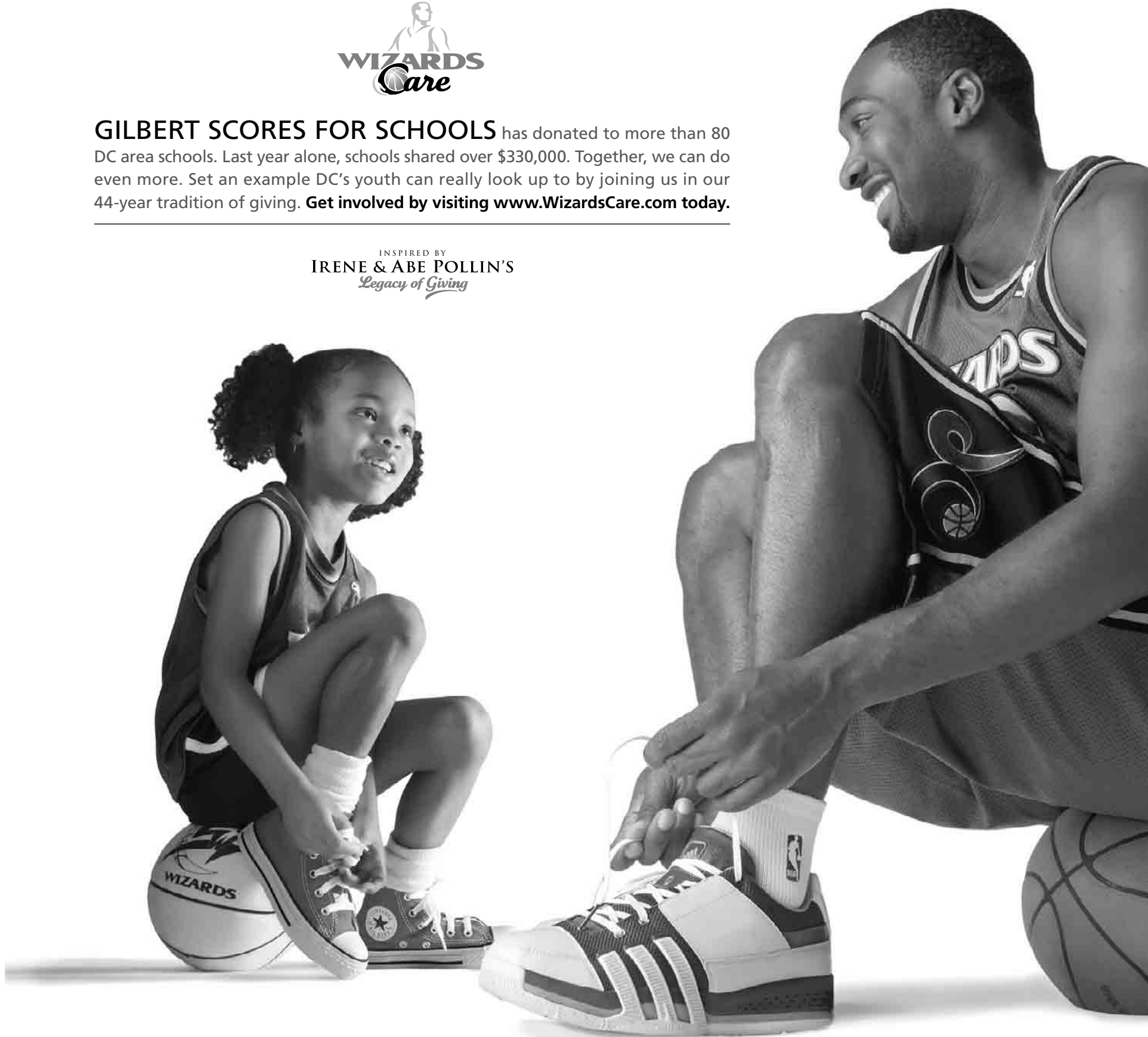
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The amount, in tons, of spicy pickled cabbage that about 2,200 volunteers prepared in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday. The dish, which is known as kimchi, will be delivered to 13,000 needy households in Seoul.

In Brief



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A reconstruction of Nicolaus Copernicus, based on his skull, is shown.

WARSAW, POLAND

Archaeologists Find Remains Of Astronomer Copernicus

Researchers said Thursday they have identified the remains of Nicolaus Copernicus by comparing DNA from a skeleton and hair retrieved from one of the 16th-century astronomer's books. The findings could put an end to centuries of speculation about the exact resting spot of Copernicus. Polish archaeologist Jerzy Gassowski said that forensic facial reconstruction of the skull his team found in Frombork, Poland, bears striking resemblance to portraits of Copernicus. (AP)

GOMA, CONGO

U.N. to Send 3,100 Additional Peacekeepers to Congo

The U.N. Security Council unanimously agreed Thursday to send 3,100 more peacekeeping troops to Congo, while rebels said they remained committed to a pullback from the front lines despite an army attack. Countries have not worked out yet who will contribute the additional troops and police. (AP)

Nations Struggle to Combat Piracy

International groups authorize sanctions, call for peacekeepers

NAIROBI, KENYA | The United Nations, African Union and Arab nations struggled to respond Thursday to a surge of pirate attacks, authorizing more sanctions and calling for international peacekeepers to stop Somali sea bandits who appear undeterred by nonviolent tactics.

The economic reverberations of the attacks widened as the world's largest container-shipping company said it would send slower vessels thousands of miles around Africa to avoid the perilous waters on the shorter Suez Canal route. Insurance underwriters and brokers said the increased danger off the coast of



Somali pirates who hijacked the Ukrainian vessel MV Faina stand on the ship's deck on Oct. 19. Nations struggled to respond to a surge of pirate attacks on Thursday.

Africa was driving up premiums for shipping operators.

The African Union urged the United Nations to quickly send peacekeepers to Somalia, but that

appeared unlikely anytime soon. A U.N. peacekeeping operation in the early 1990s saw the downing of two U.S. Army helicopters and killing of 18 American soldiers. U.N. peace-

keepers were gone by 1995.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to authorize its sanctions committee to recommend people who would be subject to an asset freeze and travel ban, measures that may be aimed at officials suspected of aiding the pirates. But it was unclear how that could affect the bandits, who live off cash ransoms dropped in burlap sacks from helicopters or in waterproof suitcases loaded onto skiffs.

Frightened about a drop in revenue from ship traffic through the Suez Canal, Egypt hosted a meeting of seven Arab nations. The summit ended with the group recommending the establishment of committees that would meet next year to develop steps to combat piracy, participants said. TOM MALITI (AP)

Raid Kills Iraqi Blamed in U.S. Death

Al-Qaeda figure had allegedly murdered an Army reservist in 2004

BAGHDAD | An al-Qaeda in Iraq leader blamed in the 2004 abduction and murder of an Army reservist and other deadly attacks over several years was killed in an American raid in Baghdad, the U.S. military said Thursday.

U.S. forces acting on a tip carried out the raid Nov. 11 in Baghdad's Mansour neighborhood, kill-

ing Hajji Hammadi and another armed insurgent, said the military statement.

The Iraqi was accused in the abduction and killing of Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Matt Maupin, a 20-year-old private first class who was seized when his fuel convoy was attacked by insurgents in Iraq on April 19, 2004, as the insurgency was gaining strength.

Al-Jazeera aired a videotape later that month showing the Batavia, Ohio, native wearing camouflage and a floppy desert hat,

sitting on a floor surrounded by five masked men holding automatic rifles.

His father, Keith Maupin, said he got a call from the Pentagon Wednesday telling him that Hammadi had been killed. "They told me they killed him on Veterans Day," Maupin said. "Ain't that appropriate."

Hammadi also was the mastermind of a June 26 suicide bombing against a meeting of pro-government Sunni sheiks in Karmah that killed three U.S. Marines, the military said. RYAN LUCAS (AP)

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LEND AN EAR: An activist dressed as an ear of corn promotes eating locally grown food in Guatemala City on Thursday.

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A Chinese official looks at a pile of tainted dairy products in a dump in Wuhan, China, Monday. China said Thursday it plans to issue new dairy safety standards.

China to Overhaul Its Dairy Industry

Scandal over tainted goods prompts officials to issue new standards

BEIJING | China announced a complete overhaul of its dairy industry Thursday to improve safety at every step — from cow breeding to milk sales — saying its worst food quality scandal in years had revealed “major problems.”

Changes will be made within the next year in production, purchasing, processing and sales, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

“The crisis has put China’s dairy industry in peril and exposed major problems existing in the quality control and supervision of the industry,” it quoted an official at China’s top economic planning body, the National Development and Reform Commission, as saying.

Milk and milk products tainted with melamine, an industrial chemical, have been blamed in the deaths of at least three infants and have sickened more than 50,000 others. The Health Ministry said Thursday that 1,041 babies across the country were still hospitalized with kidney damage.

The government has detained

dozens of people in the scandal, but there have been no court cases yet.

The State Council, China’s Cabinet, said the Health Ministry will issue new quality and safety standards for dairy products, while the Agriculture Ministry will draft inspection standards for melamine and other toxins in animal feed. The

China plans to improve dairy safety at every step — from cow breeding to milk sales.

flow and delivery of dairy products will also be tracked, it said in a statement.

Also Thursday, Chinese officials warned that the country faces a “grim” employment outlook, with demand for workers falling and job seekers in the cities outnumbering new jobs by 2-to-1 as the economy slows.

Officials have warned job losses could spark protests threatening social stability and one-party communist rule. (AP)

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WHERE A KID CAN BE A KID: An African Child Policy Forum report released Thursday assesses the "child-friendliness" of 52 African nations, using 40 indicators such as access to education and health care. Mauritius, Namibia and Tunisia rank at the top of the list. The least "child-friendly" countries include Gambia and Central African Republic.

Haitian Children Suffer Amid Crisis

Dwindling food supply results in 'dangerous' hunger among youth

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | The 5-year-old teetered on broomstick legs — he weighed less than 20 pounds, even after days of drinking enriched milk. Nearby, a 4-year-old girl hung from a strap attached to a scale, her wide eyes lifeless, her emaciated arms dangling weakly.

In pockets of Haiti accessible only by donkey or foot, children are dying of malnutrition — their already meager food supply cut by a series of devastating storms that destroyed crops, wiped out livestock and sent food prices spiraling.

At least 26 severely malnourished children have died in the past four weeks in the remote region of



Venecia Lonis, 4, who suffers from malnutrition, is held before being weighed at a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Wednesday.

Baie d'Orange in Haiti's southeast, aid workers said Thursday, and there are fears the toll will rise much higher if help does not come quickly to the impoverished nation.

Another 65 severely malnourished children are being treated in makeshift tent clinics in the mountainous area, or at hospitals in Port-au-Prince and elsewhere, said Max

Cosci, who works for Doctors Without Borders in Haiti.

One evacuee, a 7-year-old girl, died while being treated, Cosci said, adding: "The situation is extremely, extremely fragile and dangerous."

The World Food Program has sent more than 30 tons of food aid — enough to feed 5,800 people for two weeks — into the remote region since September, and other groups funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development have sent food, too.

But steep paths and poor visibility make it difficult to deliver the food to the mountain communities where hunger is worsening.

"There is always a bottleneck. The same situation that the people are facing is the same situation we're also facing," U.N. World Food Program country director Myrta Kaulard said Thursday. JONATHAN M. KATZ (AP)

Putin Confident Despite Turmoil

MOSCOW | Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin used a meeting of his powerful political party to take center stage Thursday, casting himself as an indispensable leader.



Putin

At the first congress of his United Russia party since May, when Dmitry Medvedev succeeded him as Russia's president, Putin gave a rousing speech to the party faithful.

He acknowledged that Russia could not escape the effects of the global economic turmoil but said it was well insulated by the riches accrued during his presidency.

"We can and must come out of the global instability stronger and more competitive," Putin said. (AP)

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Local

3 Dead After 'Altercation' in Fairfax

Men found wounded; police treat incident as a triple homicide

Three men died late Wednesday night after what police described as "an altercation" at a Fairfax County home.

Details remained scarce Thursday morning in what Fairfax police

are treating as a triple homicide. Authorities said they were called to the 5400 block of Moultrie Road, in the north Springfield area near Annandale, after one of the victims, though seriously wounded, managed to get to a neighbor's house in search of help.

When police arrived and attended to the man, they were told that others had been hurt and were in

the nearby house where the dispute occurred.

When police entered the other house they found two men in "grave, life-threatening condition," Fairfax police spokesman Shelley Broderick said.

All three were taken to a hospital and pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

Police have not yet released ages

or names of the victims, or said whether any of the three men were related or lived together at the home where the killings occurred.

More details will be released after further investigation and autopsies, Broderick said.

"It is too early for us to say what actually occurred," Broderick said.

HOWARD SCHNEIDER AND TOM JACKMAN
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Dulles Gets Additional Runway

Dulles International Airport opened a fourth runway Thursday morning, an early gift for holiday travelers.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters stood on a cold and windy airport taxiway and officially opened Runway 1L/19R, radioing the control tower to clear the first plane for takeoff. Seconds later, an American Airlines 737 whooshed overhead.

Peters then departed to catch her own flight, so she could open new runways at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

"These new runways are a testimony to the power of perseverance, the wisdom of foresight and the audacity of action," Peters said. "Taken together, they will cut delays, improve service and help make the flying experience better for millions of travelers."

The new, 9,400-foot runway at Dulles — the first one added since the airport opened 46 years ago — is expected to handle 100,000 takeoffs and landings each year and ease flight delays.

ERIC M. WEISS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Suspect Killed in Md. Bank Robbery Chase

Alleged robbers shoot bank worker before 3-county chase begins

Suspected robbers allegedly shot a Bank of America employee in the hand in Howard County Thursday morning before being chased by police into Montgomery County, where police say one suspect fired his gun at an officer and police fired back, killing one of the suspects.

Details were sketchy as officers from the Maryland State Police and the police departments in Montgomery, Prince George's and Howard counties responded to the scene of the shootout, in a residential subdivision in the Briggs Chaney area south of Burtonsville.

Cpl. Jennifer Reidy-Hall, a Howard police spokeswoman, said two or three suspects allegedly walked into a Bank of America branch on Ten Oaks Road in Clarksville about 9:15 a.m. and attempted to rob the bank, shooting an employee in the



Police from Pr. George's, Montgomery and Howard counties search for the men.

hand in the process.

Reidy-Hall said a nearby motorist saw the suspects leave the bank and followed their truck, using a cell phone to call police and report the suspected crime and the truck's location.

Police tried unsuccessfully to intercept the truck, Reidy-Hall said, and then pursued it through Anne Arundel County into Montgomery County, at times reaching speeds of 85 mph.

DAN MORSE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON | BAY SUPPORTERS STAGE PROTEST



DEATH MARCH: Members of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation protest at Union Station against what they think is a slow pace for the Bay cleanup. D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty met with Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine and Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley Thursday at Union Station about the Bay.

HEARSAY | FIRE SAFETY

"At least I can get by with what I have."

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The Lotteries

Thursday, Nov. 20

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	8-0-4
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	0-3-3
Mid-day DC 4	1-0-2-6
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	7-1-6-9
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	6-7-23-24-31
Daily 6 (Wed.)	9-13-14-26-27-29 Bonus: 6
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	2-11-31-34-38 (13)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	8-1-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-3-1
Mid-day Pick 4	7-9-7-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-6-0-4
Match 5 (Wed.)	12-19-24-25-31 Bonus: 34
Lotto (Wed.)	3-5-7-9-24-29
VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	2-8-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-6-5
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	8-8-5-5

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-6-0-2
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	1-2-15-23-31
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	7-14-25-28-33
Win for Life (Wed.)	6-8-14-28-30-37

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	8-13-38-39-45 (31)
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Money



DRINK UP: Dr Pepper is making good on its promise of free soda now that Guns N' Roses' has released "Chinese Democracy." The company said it would give out soda if the album dropped in 2008. Coupons for the soda will be available on Dr Pepper's Web site Sunday.

Stocks Slide With No End in Sight

Major indexes decline for the 2nd straight day as gloom grips traders

NEW YORK | Stocks plunged for a second straight day Thursday, falling to ranges not seen in six years as financial and energy stocks tumbled and as demand for the safety of government debt spiked to historic levels.

Stocks, which had been weak for much of the session, lost ground after hopes faded that lawmakers would soon put together an aid package for the U.S. auto-



Specialist Anthony Matesic, right, works at his post at New York Stock Exchange Thursday. Concerns about widespread economic weakness sent stocks tumbling.

makers and as major indexes like the Standard & Poor's 500 index broke through lows established in 2002. That breach of key technical thresholds sent a shudder through the market and touched off further selling.

The pullback for the second straight day sent the Standard & Poor's 500 index down 6.7 percent to the 752 level, below the closing low of 776.76 logged on Oct. 9, 2002. The Dow Jones industrial average, meanwhile, fell 445 points, or 5.6 percent. The decline brings the Dow's two-day decline to 873 points.

Financial stocks plunged on worries that the government's financial rescue won't be sufficient to cover banks' losses. Meanwhile, a sharp drop in oil prices weighed heavily on energy companies.

Thursday's pullback came amid heavy volume, a welcome sign for some investors who are looking for the market to experience a cathartic sell-off that could lay the groundwork for a recovery.

Observers said, however, that the selling had as much to do with entrenched pessimism about the prospects for many corners of the economy.

"Unrelenting gloom has taken over the markets," said Dana Johnson, chief economist at Comerica Inc. TIM PARADIS (AP)

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Fuel Drops Below \$2 In Half of the Country

Oil prices have fallen 66 percent since July's record price per barrel

COLUMBUS, OHIO | Oil prices on Thursday hit levels not seen in more than three years, and retail gasoline prices are now below \$2 across nearly half of the country on four economic reports suggesting a painful economic pullback.

Benchmark crude fell as low as \$48.50 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, levels last seen on May 18, 2005, when oil hit \$46.80 a barrel.

Meanwhile, prices at the pump fell again overnight nationally close to \$2 a gallon, with the average price in 23 states even less than that.

"After this summer, this is wonderful ... wonderful," said Anuj



Customers line up to get gas for \$1.99 per gallon at a station in Fairfield, Ohio.

Dayal, a cabdriver in New York.

Oil prices have fallen 66 percent since reaching a record \$147.27 a barrel in mid-July. Oil analyst Stephen Schork wonders whether prices will even hold at \$50.

"Maybe \$50 is too conservative [a projection] given the putrid, putrid look at the economy," he said.

MARK WILLIAMS (AP)

HEARSAY | BIG THREE BAILOUT



"Without immediate assistance, we could see ... a collapse of one or more of the domestic auto companies by the end of this year."

—RON GETTELFINGER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS, URGING CONGRESS AND THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY LOANS TO CHRYSLER, FORD AND GENERAL MOTORS.

Sunday in The Washington Post



PITCHING IN: Volunteer Tori Cota moves trays of bread at the Bread of Life Distribution Center in Wichita, Kan., on Tuesday. The pantry distributes food to needy families.

Giving In or Out?

Charities worry that donations will dry up this holiday season

IN BUSINESS | It's hard to recall a time when charities felt so squeezed.

After nearly a decade of record growth, U.S. nonprofits are getting hit from all directions. Some foundations are scaling back on awarding grants as their endowments shrink in the stock market meltdown. Some state and local governments — facing falling tax revenues — are slashing their budgets and cutting back on funding. Individuals, too, will likely hold back on giving this holiday season, some experts say, as withered 401(k) accounts and sunken home values take their toll.

Add to that the troubled state of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The mortgage finance giants have long been the Washington region's biggest corporate benefactors and gave

a combined \$47 million to charities last year. As a result of the federal government takeover, Fannie and Freddie could decrease or halt their giving altogether, reshaping the area's philanthropic landscape.

In response, many area nonprofits groups have trimmed overhead costs and frozen hiring, and are anxiously considering cutting programs and laying off staff members in a struggle for solvency and survival. Their hardship comes just as they're facing rising demand for their services from people hit by the crumbling economy.

"Things are brittle and delicate," said Diana Aviv, president of Independent Sector, a national coalition of charities. "I don't think nonprofit organizations can be confident for next year. They don't have cushions. ... We could see the extinction or demise of a lot of organizations whose missions and whose works have been essential to society."

Steve Gunderson, president of the Council on Foundations, said the eco-

nomie volatility boils down to this: "The needs in the community are probably as great as they've ever been, and the resources of philanthropy to meet those needs are probably as challenged as they've ever been."

for more ...

SUNDAY IN BUSINESS

To read more about how charities are coping with the downturn, and how you can help, see the **Business** section in Sunday's Post.

IN The Washington Post

Despite all the gloominess, charitable giving tends to weather economic downturns. Over the past four decades, charitable contributions have fallen during recessions an average of just 1 percent per year, adjusted for inflation, said Patrick M. Rooney, interim director of the Center for Philanthropy at Indiana

University.

"The good news for charities is that it's not a precipitous decline," Rooney said of the historic trends. "Households don't make these wild swings and say, 'OK, now we're no longer going to give because the economy's slowing down.'"

Yet this time there already are signs of trouble. Three-quarters of the region's leading foundations and corporate giving programs suffered a decline in their assets because of plummeting returns on investments over the past year, according to a survey conducted in October by the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers. About one-third of the respondents said they reduced their grant budgets between from 2007 to 2008, and about half of the organizations said they plan to award fewer grants in 2009 than they have this year.

The weaknesses in the financial and housing markets could not come at a more precarious time for charities. Nonprofit organizations rely on the generosity of Americans during the holidays for as much as half their annual operating revenue, so many groups will not know the full impact of the economic downturn until January. **PHILIP RUCKER (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

5 more reasons to read

THESE STORIES AND MORE THIS SUNDAY



➔ Humble to a T

We visit the farmhouse and now national monument in Virginia that was the first home of a boy named Booker T. Washington. **TRAVEL**

➔ Here Comes '24'



Jack's back and better than ever — or at least less inclined to torture his captives. This year he's on the lam. **TV WEEK**

➔ Guilt-Free Feast

Is it possible to have a green Thanksgiving? We offer tips on how to reduce your footprint while cooking up a great feast in a special section. **FOOD**



➔ Nicole's New Role

The star returns to the big screen in "Australia," and talks with writer Hank Steuver about the movie, her new baby and much more. **STYLE & ARTS**

➔ A Hard Choice

Lesley Wojcik entered medical school with a mission to help terminate unwanted pregnancies. Could it withstand the reality of performing abortions? **THE MAGAZINE**

Weekend

Sports

TERPS FOOTBALL

Bash at Byrd: No. 22 Maryland is counting on the 12th man to help it defeat Florida State in its final home game of the season. | 16



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WIZARDS | BY MATT SWENSON

Wizards' Jordan In the Line of Fire

IT LOOKS LIKE nice guy Eddie Jordan is about to be whacked.

The best coach in the history of the Washington Wizards — and what a glorious 11 years it's been — is sounding just like you'd expect after a 1-8 start.

"A team is built a certain way, fellas," the downtrodden coach acknowledged Tuesday after the second loss in a week to Miami. "This team is built for Gilbert Arenas to lead us."

Arenas, the precocious star the D.C. area adores but who can't stay healthy, will probably not take the court until January. As the losses pile up, it doesn't appear that Jordan will be there to see him.

The \$111 million investment in Arenas ... probably sealed [Jordan's] fate.

That's life in the NBA. If you lose, you get fired. The \$111 million investment in Arenas and his bum knee probably sealed his fate.

Team president Ernie Grunfeld bet the house on the franchise's first superstar since Chris Webber. In the long term, it may pay off. But Arenas' sitting on the bench is his fancy suits is a reminder of the Bullets era.

Jordan is a fine coach who's done more than could be expected. Remember, the Wizards were a joke after Michael Jordan got the boot. Grunfeld and Jordan made the team into an annual playoff contender.

Not that anybody's listening, but we urge that Jordan be given a stay of execution until Arenas returns. If Agent Zero never regains his old form, firing Jordan would bring an end to his suffering.

Familiar Territory



A former quarterback and assistant for Seattle, Jim Zorn is one of the major story lines in Sunday's Redskins-Seahawks game.

Zorn returns to Seattle to face his mentor in a key game for Redskins

REDSKINS | First there was Anakin Skywalker versus Obi-Wan Kenobi. Then it was Jason Bourne against the U.S. spy community. And who could forget, well, every kung-fu movie you've ever seen.

While Washington's (6-4) trip to Seattle may not hold the same intrigue as those cinematic scenarios, it's another case in which the student will try to vanquish the master.

The fact that Seattle (2-8) is already out of postseason contention may turn more attention to the story line of former player and coach Jim Zorn returning (along with former MVP tailback Shaun Alexander) to play his former team.

But with Seattle's recent play-

FEELING THE PRESSURE

The Redskins — quarterback Jason Campbell in particular — struggled in passing situations in last week's loss to Dallas, but that shouldn't be as much of a problem against the beleaguered Seahawks front:



→ Seattle has the second-worst pass defense in the league, allowing 265.2 yards per game and letting opposing quarterbacks complete 66.9 percent of their passes. While they are tied for ninth in the NFL with 24 sacks, the Seahawks were forced to put their best pass rusher, Patrick Kerney (five sacks), on injured reserve this week due to an injured shoulder. "The frustrating thing is to see things happening well down the field but not having enough time to get the [pass] thrown," Zorn said. E.B.



4:15 P.M. | FOX
Sunday

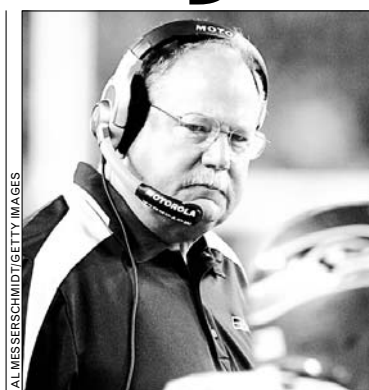


off success against Washington at Qwest Field, every Redskin has a reason to be motivated.

"I think [Seattle] really feeds off of the energy of the crowd," Red-

skins quarterback Jason Campbell said. "When a lot of teams go there, one of the things that they always talk about is the crowd noise and how important it is for everyone to be on the same page and communicate."

Communication — especially with quarterbacks — is how Holmgren and Zorn made names for



Mike Holmgren, Zorn's boss for years, plans to retire at the end of this season.

themselves in the NFL. Holmgren was instrumental in the development of both Brett Favre in Green Bay and Matt Hasselbeck in Seattle. Zorn was Hasselbeck's day-to-day tutor during the quarterback's Pro Bowl seasons and is now helping Campbell have what could end up being the best year of his young career.

Holmgren said Zorn should have a fair amount of insight on how to get into the head of Hasselbeck, who returned last week after missing five games with a bulging disk in his back. "I've been in that situation before, going against quarterbacks that I have coached," said Holmgren, who'll retire at season's end. "You know that position so well that you can kind of tip him off on things that bother that player, and I'm sure he'll do that."

And what do the coaches think of their first — and possibly last — chance to match wits on opposite sidelines?

"Put Zorn on the list of guys who worked with me who want to get back at me," Holmgren joked. "Jim's a good friend and a good coach. I'm pleased for his success."

"It certainly will [be exciting Sunday], but I know deep down inside I have work to do," Zorn said.

ERIC BRANDNER

NFL | Football philanthropist Apparently, touchdowns aren't the only thing only thing Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo gives to the citizens of Dallas. The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that Romo recently took a homeless man to the movies. Romo walked up to the



man and offered to buy him a ticket. The man, who goes by Doc, had planned on passing out fliers for a consignment store nearby, so he turned Romo down. But then he recognized the star. Doc reportedly warned Romo that he hadn't showered in days, to which Romo replied: "Don't worry about that. I'm used to



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Wizards See Bright Side

Lineup change brings new rhythm to team looking for 2nd victory

WIZARDS | The final result was familiar — a loss — but the look and feel were different for the Wizards Wednesday night against the Atlanta Hawks, and that is something coach Eddie Jordan believes his team can build upon.

Jordan typically gives his team a day off after playing on back-to-back nights, but he held a practice Thursday. Jordan said he was leaning toward sticking with a starting lineup that includes Dee Brown at point guard and rookie JaVale McGee at center when the Wizards (1-8) host the Houston Rockets (7-5) Friday night at Verizon Center.

Brown and McGee started in place of Juan Dixon and Etan



A wax likeness of Gilbert Arenas was unveiled at Madame Tussauds on Thursday.

Thomas, respectively.

"We're getting close," Jordan said. "We found harmony and rhythm [Wednesday night]. We started off the first quarter pretty well, we moved the ball even though

we had a new starting lineup with JaVale and Dee Brown, we stayed in the quarter without falling far behind, and we had a nine-point lead at one point on the road against a good opponent. So that was a good

"We're getting close. We found harmony and rhythm [Wednesday night]."

EDDIE JORDAN, WIZARDS COACH

showing for us."

The next step has to be actually winning another game. Late turnovers and poor shooting doomed them in Tuesday's loss to the Miami Heat and again at Atlanta.

In both games, second-year guard Nick Young made a crucial mistake. "I'm just learning really," said Young. "Being out there for the first time late in games and playing that many minutes, it's different from last year."

IVAN CARTER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup



Kerry Collins and the Titans try to improve to 11-0 on Sunday vs. the Jets.

friday

7 P.M. The 1-8 Wizards play the 7-5 Houston Rockets, hoping to break a three-game losing streak. CSN+

8 P.M. The 2-0 Maryland basketball team hosts the 1-1 Vermont Catamounts at the Comcast Center. CSN

9:30 P.M. The 5-5 New Orleans Hornets visit the only team that has a record worse than the Wizards'— the 1-11 Oklahoma City Thunder. ESPN

saturday

7:30 P.M. The Wizards are winless on the road so far but hope that visiting the 6-5 Knicks at Madison Square Garden will change their luck. CSN

7:45 P.M. The No. 22 Maryland Terrapins (7-3) could put themselves in the ACC Championship with wins in their final two games, starting with their last home game of the year against ACC Atlantic rival Florida State (7-3). ESPN

8 P.M. As if anyone is still skeptical, No. 2 Texas Tech will silence all remaining doubters if the Raiders beat No. 5 Oklahoma in a Big 12 showdown. ABC

10:30 P.M. The Capitals, leaders of the Southeast division, face the Pacific-leading San Jose Sharks. CSN

sunday

1 P.M. Brett Favre and the 7-3 Jets try to take down Kerry Collins and the undefeated Tennessee Titans. CBS

3:30 P.M. The Columbus Crew faces the New York Red Bulls in the MLS Cup, played in Carson, Calif. ABC

8:15 P.M. The 6-4 Indianapolis Colts play at the 4-6 San Diego Chargers in this not-so-marquee AFC matchup. NBC



After 35 years, George Steinbrenner has ceded the Yankees to his son Hal.

Steinbrenner Gives Up Control Of the Yankees

BASEBALL | George Steinbrenner's 35-year reign as boss of the New York Yankees ended Thursday when he passed control of baseball's most famous team to his youngest son, Hal.

The elder Steinbrenner has gradually withdrawn from the Yankees' day-to-day operations in recent years, and brothers Hal and Hank were appointed co-chairmen in April.

"I realize it's a great responsibility," said Hal Steinbrenner, who turns 40 on Dec. 3. "My dad is, needless to say, a tough act to follow." (AP)

Sunday PICK'EM

Matt Swenson
SPORTS COLUMNIST,
EXPRESS

Ian Herbert
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR,
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REDSKINS (MINUS 3.5) AT SEAHAWKS

REDSKINS

The Seahawks have nothing to play for, and the Redskins really need a win.

REDSKINS

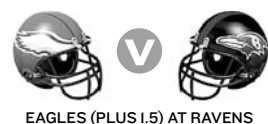
Even with Matt Hasselbeck and the 12th man, the Seahawks are bad.

REDSKINS

Did you know Jim Zorn used to ride his bike to Qwest Field? Seriously.

REDSKINS

One of two "soft" games left on the Redskins' schedule.



EAGLES (PLUS 1.5) AT RAVENS

RAVENS

The Eagles are the most overrated team in the NFL. No one is close to tying them.

EAGLES

I flipped a coin and took the points.

RAVENS

Zorn vs. Holmgren is greater than Harbaugh vs. Reid. I think.

RAVENS

At least Donovan McNabb now knows there can be ties.



JETS (PLUS 6) AT TITANS

TITANS

The undefeated streak isn't going to end at home.

JETS

Without seeing anyone else's picks, I'm guessing we'll all try to pick the upset.

JETS

Am I really taking the Jets? As Favre might say, "[Bleep], yeah."

JETS

The spread shows how much respect the unbeaten Titans are getting.



GIANTS (MINUS 3) AT CARDINALS

GIANTS

The Cards are a product of a bad division; the G-Men may be the NFL's best team.

CARDINALS

And I'm guessing no one else is taking this upset.

GIANTS

The Cardinals are great at beating chumps. The Giants aren't chumps.

GIANTS

Kurt Warner rarely plays well against the Giants. Nor did he play well with them.



COLTS (PLUS 3) AT CHARGERS

COLTS

Picking against Norv Turner every week brings a smile to my face.

CHARGERS

West Coast hangover for the Colts.

COLTS

The gambling gods definitely owe some pain to the Chargers.

COLTS

Manning threw six picks vs. the Chargers last year, and the Colts barely lost.



PATRIOTS (PLUS 2) AT DOLPHINS

PATRIOTS

Kudos to the Dolphins for their improvement, but Cassel looks good.

DOLPHINS

Brady-less hangover continues for the Patriots.

PATRIOTS

There's no way New England lost 38-13 to Miami. No way.

PATRIOTS

The Patriots were favored by 17 in this fixture last season.

SEASON TALLY | Matt Swenson: 34-29-3 (5-1); Ian Herbert: 23-40-3 (1-5); Dan Steinberg: 37-26-3 (2-4); Dave Goldberg: 33-30-3 (3-3)

All picks are against the spread. Get more NFL coverage and chime in with comments on the Sports Bog at Blog.washingtonpost.com/dcsportsbog.

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Weekend Sports

'As Big as It Gets' in Big 12

Texas Tech, Oklahoma set to square off in the latest game of the year

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Those who prefer a jumbled and angst-filled race to the BCS national championship game should be rooting for Oklahoma in Saturday's latest Big 12 game of the year between the Sooners and Texas Tech.

"It is as big as it gets," Oklahoma receiver Juan Iglesias said. "Just for the fact that all of our goals are still in reach, and if we win, you never know what's going to happen in the BCS." No truer words were ever spoken. The picks:

→ **NO. 2 TEXAS TECH** (PLUS 7) at **NO. 5 OKLAHOMA**. The Red Raiders haven't won in Norman since 1996 ... **OKLAHOMA, 47-35**.



Graham Harrell looks to get Texas Tech its first win at Oklahoma since 1996.

→ **NO. 17 MICHIGAN STATE** (PLUS 14.5) at **NO. 7 PENN STATE**. The Nittany Lions' last Rose Bowl appearance was in 1995 ... **PENN STATE, 38-21**.

→ **NO. 16 BRIGHAM YOUNG** (PLUS 6) at **NO. 8 UTAH**. The Cougars have won their last two meetings on last-minute touchdowns ... **BYU, 28-24**.

→ **FLORIDA STATE** (PLUS 1) at **NO. 22 MARYLAND**. The Terps are 4-0 against ranked teams, but all three of their losses were to unranked teams ... **MARYLAND, 24-21**.

→ **NO. 20 PITTSBURGH** (PLUS 5) at **NO. 19 CINCINNATI**. The winner gets the 96-lb. River City Rivalry Trophy, inside track to the Big East title ... **CINCINNATI, 30-23**.

→ **MICHIGAN** (PLUS 20.5) at **NO. 10 OHIO STATE**. Win this one, Rich Rodriguez, and all is forgiven ... **OHIO STATE, 41-17**. RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

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Crew, Red Bulls Face Off in MLS Cup

Two teams' stars take unlikely routes to the championship game

SOCCER | Frankie Hejduk and Danny Cepero represent polar opposites in experience, yet both will play in the MLS Cup for the first time Sunday when Hejduk's Columbus Crew meets Cepero's New York Red Bulls.

"It's been a long time coming," said Hejduk, who joined the MLS in its first season in 1996 and then



Cepero

Hejduk

played five years in Europe before coming to the Crew in 2003.

In the process, Hejduk represented the U.S. in two World Cups and two Olympics, and played in the Champions' League for German

power Bayer Leverkusen.

Cepero was a teenager supporting the Red Bulls' predecessors, the MetroStars, when MLS began. "It's a dream come true," Cepero said Monday. "It's been a point of pride for me, having rooted for the MetroStars when I was younger."

During the playoffs, Cepero stopped 14 shots — including seven against Real Salt Lake on Saturday night — in getting two consecutive shutouts on the road.

"I'd be lying if I said there was no pressure," Cepero said. (AP)

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Not 'The Man' Anymore

Former Seahawk MVP Alexander is now 3rd rushing option for Zorn

REDSKINS | Shaun Alexander's recent career trajectory has resembled a bungee jump: straight down.

In just three years, the Seahawks' former franchise running back went from MVP to "Where is he?"

Perhaps the most accomplished third-stringer in the NFL, Alexander hopes to make the most of any opportunity when he returns to Seattle with the Washington Redskins on Sunday — if he even gets a chance to play.

"When you are 'The Man,' you're 'The Man.' And when you're not, you're not," Alexander said Wednesday during a phone interview from Redskins Park in Ashburn, Va.

In Washington, Alexander has only 11 carries for 24 yards in four games, far behind "The Man," 1,000-yard rusher Clinton Portis. Alexander is just glad to have a job. The only reason former Seahawks quarterbacks coach Jim Zorn signed Alexander last month was because backup Ladell Betts was hurt.

Indeed, Zorn said Thursday there's a chance Alexander won't even be on the active list for Sunday's game. The Redskins' fourth-string running back is Rock Cart-



Shaun Alexander returns to Seattle Sunday, where he played under now-Redskins head coach Jim Zorn and won an MVP award.

Pacman Returns

→ The NFL has reinstated Cowboys CB Adam Jones. The ruling takes effect after two more weeks, in time for the Steelers game Dec. 7. | **The League**

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wright, who has to play because he's the kickoff returner.

The Seahawks' all-time rush-

er and touchdown scorer wonders whether anyone will notice No. 37.

"Well, I mean, I'm the third running back. I mean, what are we talking about here?" Alexander said, laughing again. "I think it won't even be a topic."

So, even after Seattle unceremoniously cut him last spring, two years after he set the league record

with 28 touchdowns and led the city to its only Super Bowl, Alexander says he isn't thinking revenge.

"Uh, I'm the third-stringer. I'm actually surprised that you asked me to do this interview," Alexander said. "I think that reality has to set it. That's not my role on this team. Now, do I want it to be more? Of course. ... But that's the role on this team right now." GREGG BELL (AP)

X Factors

→ Redskins WR Malcolm Kelly

The rookie has been out several weeks resting his left knee, but he is returning this week. The Redskins have had to wait for the second-round pick's potential to be realized after he missed the entire preseason and some of the regular season, including the last three games. He could have an impact this week, especially given the team's recent lack of potency on offense, with only one TD in two games.



QB Matt Hasselbeck's status is iffy for Sunday after he played last week.

→ Seattle QB Matt Hasselbeck's back

Hasselbeck was sidelined for five weeks with a back injury. Upon his return Sunday, he threw three interceptions, and this week he was too sore to practice as late as Wednesday. If the Seahawks want to rise above their 2-8 record, they need the three-time Pro Bowler to be recovered so he can again be their game-changer. But Seattle cannot rest easy even with a healthy Hasselbeck. Even before his back injury, the quarterback struggled, amassing only a 55.0 rating so far.

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Terps Set for a Blackout

Maryland rallies fans with eyes on finishing undefeated at home

TERPS FOOTBALL | Ralph Friedgen interrupted his daily session with the local media Tuesday. He had a message that needed to be delivered.

"Are you the Diamondback guy?" he asked, turning to a young reporter for the campus newspaper. "You need to put in the paper for me that we're going to open practice [to the students] again on Friday. We're giving out shirts again."

The open practice is one of many Friedgen initiatives aimed at solidifying the support of the students. Upon taking the head coaching job in 2001, Friedgen has worked to build enthusiasm for the program. He's pushed for more seats



Terps QB Chris Turner leaves the field after the team's win at home last Saturday.

in Byrd Stadium, expanded luxury suites and a renovated team house. He started the ceremonial walk through Terp Alley before games and the celebratory singing of the alma mater with the student sec-

tion after victories.

"I was told before I came here that it was a problem getting students in here," Friedgen said. "I think home-field advantage is the enthusiasm of the student body.

THE BIG GOODBYE

→ Saturday's game is the home finale for the largest senior class of coach Ralph Friedgen's tenure. With about 22 scholarship seniors and 11 walk-ons, the group is nearly twice the size of a typical outgoing class, Friedgen said. Some, like center Edwin Williams and defensive lineman Jeremy Navarre, have been major contributors for the past four years. "Honestly, I try not to think about it, because if you do, you're going to get kind of emotional about it," Williams said. *D.T.*

They're very vocal."

Whether that enthusiasm translates directly to success on the field is debatable, but the No. 22 Terrapins (7-3, 4-2 in the ACC) are 6-0 at home this year. The

home schedule concludes Saturday night with a critical game against Florida State. The winner will be in prime position to win the ACC Atlantic Division and play for the conference title. In fact, the Terrapins can lock it up Saturday if they win and Wake Forest defeats Boston College on Saturday afternoon.

Friedgen has declared a blackout — players on the field and students in the stands dressed in black. It's a gimmick, mostly made-for-TV, but Friedgen is not above anything that might fire up the fans or, ideally, his players.

Ten weeks into the season, he admits he's yet to get a good feel for the collective psyche of the squad.

"You can never tell about this team. Not at all," he said. "I can never tell if they're excited or not."

But, he said, if they're not, something's wrong with them.

"With the importance of this game and, hopefully, with the crowd and everything, I'm sure they want to win this game very badly," he said. *DEREK TURNER*

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Good Thoughts at UMd.

Terps guard Vasquez pushes himself, team to exceed expectations

TERPS HOOPS | The arena was half-filled. They were playing the Youngstown State Penguins. The score wasn't close, with Maryland winning by nearly 30 with less than 10 minutes remaining in the game.

But there was Greivis Vasquez diving to the floor trying to secure a loose ball. And there he was, having already matched a career scoring high with 28 points, looking to create shots for others. And there he was sitting on the bench in the final minutes of the game, only to spring from his seat, screaming and waving a towel when his teammates forced the Penguins into a shot-clock violation.

"We're going to be good," Vasquez



Maryland's Greivis Vasquez, right, dives for a loose ball despite the Terrapins' big lead on Tuesday night. Vasquez is confident Maryland will be a good team this year.

"We're going to be good. We've just got to believe in ourselves."

GREIVIS VASQUEZ, TERPS GUARD

said Tuesday. "We've just got to believe in ourselves. I was just trying to make something happen."

Not too many people expect Maryland to be good this year. Young and undersized, the Terrapins were picked to finish seventh in the ACC in preseason polls. Vasquez knows that.

Watching the Redskins-Cowboys game at FedEx Field on Sunday night with teammate Eric Hayes, the talk was about basketball, not

football. Vasquez sought to reassure Hayes that preseason speculation is just that.

"We're going to be all right. I told him that," Vasquez said. "We've been here before. We've been to the tournament. We know how to do it."

But the makeup of this year's squad means Vasquez and the Terps, who host Vermont on Friday, will have to do things differently. Against Youngstown State, the junior from Venezuela played point guard, shooting guard and small forward, but was particularly effective moving without the ball and creating offensive opportunities. He led the Terrapins in points, assists, rebounds and steals.

"When he doesn't have to have the ball to get his points, he doesn't get as tired," coach Gary Williams said.

Having struggled with fatigue in past seasons, Vasquez has made a point in extra, early morning workouts to fine-tune his footwork and build stamina. "In the middle of the season," he said, "I'll be 120 percent." DEREK TURNER

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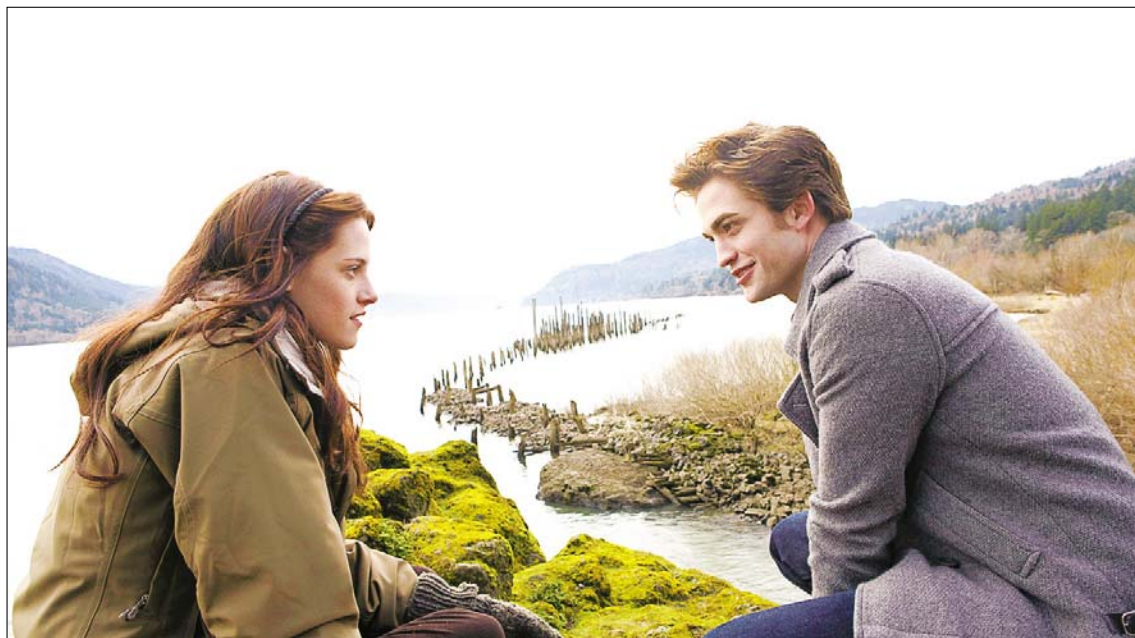
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Entertainment Weekend



LOVE BITES: As Bella Swan, actress Kristen Stewart fails to heat up despite the heat and hype from co-star Robert Pattinson.

Mr. Cute Vamp

Despite a foxy lead, 'Twilight' the film takes a bite out of the book

FILM | Teenage girls will surely squeal throughout "Twilight," the feverishly awaited adaptation of the hugely selling vampire novel by Stephenie Meyer.

Just the very sight of the title on the screen inspired piercing screech-

es of glee at a recent screening. And the arrival of our tormented monster-hero Edward Cullen is certain to send another wave of shivers, and that's before he ever sinks his teeth into anything — or anyone.

Director Catherine Hardwicke was also clearly taken by the character, and by the actor playing him, Robert Pattinson: She shoots him as if he were the featured model in an Abercrombie & Fitch ad, adoring-

ly highlighting his angular cheekbones, his amber eyes (with the help of color contacts), those pouty red lips and that lanky frame.

He might be too pretty — and perhaps that's a crucial key to the character's popularity among girls and young women. He's a non-threatening, almost asexual vampire. This is not Bela Lugosi, and it's certainly not George Hamilton.

But much of what made the rela-

tionship between Edward and the smitten Bella Swan work in Meyer's breezy book has been stripped away on screen. The funny, lively banter — the way in which Edward and Bella teased and toyed with one another about their respective immortality and humanity — is pretty much completely gone, and all that's left is a slog of adolescent angst.

Purists will be happy to see that the first line of Meyer's book — "I'd never given much thought to how I would die" — is also the first line in Melissa Rosenberg's script.

If you're coming into this material cold, though, you will be seriously baffled as to what the fuss is all about, and that becomes glaringly obvious in the way Hardwicke has staged her action sequences. When Edward leaps from one spot to another, or when he races through the forest with Bella strapped to his back, it looks distractingly jumpy and false. (The moment when he sparkles in the sunlight looks especially cheesy.)

It doesn't help that, as Bella, Kristen Stewart looks singularly sullen the entire time. She's supposed to be enraptured by the thrills of her first love. Instead, she merely appears to be in the throes of pain. Sure, they can feel like the same thing when you're a teenager, but Stewart's one-note performance makes it difficult to get swept away by Bella's forbidden, romantic adventure.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

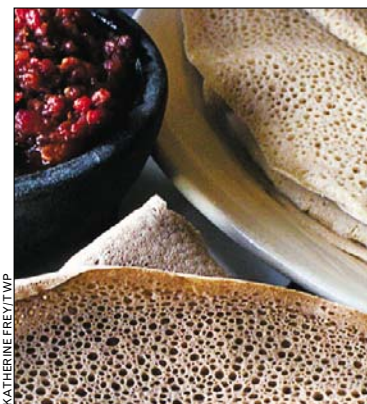
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I saw that in celebration of Repeal Day, the DC Craft Bartender's Guild is hosting a big celebration in Georgetown. Do you know what the scene will be like there?

The Repeal Day Party should be a blast. I'm expecting a mix of cocktail-loving hipsters and the City Tavern Club's older, preppier members. I mean, who wouldn't want to spend the night with 1930s jazz and top-shelf cocktails?

→ *City Tavern Club, 3206 M St. NW; Dec. 5, 8 p.m.-midnight, \$80 before Nov. 20, \$90 after; 202-337-8770.*



Ethiopian food is a D.C. staple, especially in the U Street and Shaw areas.

A friend of mine, who is a senior in college (think casual/cheap), is coming to town this weekend. I know that he wants to see local D.C., not the tourist attractions and history. Any fun events or unique restaurants come to mind?

Seems like Dukem would be a good fit for you. You'd be right in the heart of the U Street district, so that would give you the chance to stroll around landmarks like Ben's Chili Bowl and clubs like St. Ex.

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'Bolt' — Not Outta the Blue

Disney's latest 3-D movie is sweet, but it's been done before

FILM | Harmless as a puppy, "Bolt" comes bounding into theaters, stumbling over its big, goofy paws, wagging its fluffy tail and begging to play ball.

It's sweet and eager to please but, sadly, nothing terribly special: Girl finds dog, girl loses dog, girl gets dog back. You've seen this sort of thing

countless times before, namely in any movie with the word "Lassie" in the title.

This animated 3-D adventure follows a scrappy, white shelter mutt named Bolt (voiced by John Travolta) who isn't a superhero, but he plays one on TV. Trouble is, he has no idea he's an actor in a role. He thinks he's really saving plucky, young Penny (Miley Cyrus) — his "person," as he's so proud to call her — from bad guys and explosions over and over again.



John Travolta voices Bolt, a loyal shelter canine with a supersize ego.

"Bolt" is the first animated feature created and executed under longtime Pixar guru John Lasseter, but it lacks the complexity of story and depth of character you so often find in previous Pixar releases such as "Toy Story," and this year's outstanding "WALL-E."

The 3-D effect provides "Bolt" with a pleasing sense of texture, an effortless tangibility in the blades of grass or the hair on the back of the lost pup's neck.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ
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FRIDAY

"Hoop Dreams" was a powerful documentary, but the D.C. scholarship program of the same name has had an arguably bigger impact. Since 1996, it has paired thousands of public school students with mentors and internships, helped them study for the SATs and awarded more than 1,600 college scholarships. Of course, the program's success depends on volunteers and fundraisers. Tonight at **SHADOW ROOM**, the Fashion Forward fashion show lets professional football players, Redskins cheerleaders and other local celebrities hit the catwalk to raise money for Hoop Dreams scholarships. (If you've ever wanted to see Terrell Suggs model, here's your chance.) Tickets are \$50 in advance (\$60 at the door) and include two hours of an open bar and hors d'oeuvres — including cupcakes from Georgetown Cupcakes! — as well as the chance to have your picture taken with Tyra Banks on the red carpet. OK, it's courtesy of Madam Tussauds, but your friends don't have to know that.

The madhouse that is **SAINT-EX**'s dance floor on Friday nights will be conducted by an interesting decknician tonight. Blake9 is one of the unsung talents in D.C.'s underground hip-hop scene, lending his precise cuts to Time Machine, dropping a collaboration with Count Bass D and running Candlewax Records. You probably won't hear any of those subterranean tunes tonight, but if you play nice and don't drunkenly heckle him for that new Katy Perry song, you might get some interesting surprises.

SATURDAY

As a kid, Rhome can remember the days when hip-hop and go-go borrowed liberally from each other and coexisted as equals. Shows at the historic Washington Coliseum would feature New York's hottest hip-hop acts of the time, such as Kurtis Blow and Whodini, sharing the stage with Trouble Funk, a band that Kurtis Blow used exten-



THE ARTIST: Of storytelling, that is. See Slick Rick at Constitution Hall Saturday.

sively on two of his biggest albums. Trouble can still crank hard 25 years later, and they'll re-create those classic early '80s moments with Slick Rick Saturday night at **CONSTITUTION HALL**, along with a posse's worth of legends, including Roxanne Shante and Kool Moe Dee. MC Rickey D is quite possibly the old-school hip-hop artist whose talents have aged the most gracefully. Kane and KRS-One are up there, too, but Rick's appearance on the scene predates them both by a few crucial years. With his entertaining storytelling abilities, Slick Rick in 2008 is as compelling as ever.

You might have heard of the Left had it been from Detroit, New York, Melbourne or basically anywhere but Hagerstown, Md., which is where the punk quartet did most of its damage back in the '80s. The band's limited studio output was compiled a couple years ago on "Jesus Loves the Left: The Complete Studio Recordings," and it showcases a band that could

match up to anyone when it came to snarling, driving garage rock. There was nothing fancy about the band's songs, but listening to them now, they still sound relevant and real, thanks to those timeless themes of anger and alienation. It's not like there's much glory in a reunion show at the **VELVET LOUNGE**. They're just in it for the rock.

"Pigtails and Plaid Skirts" is both the name of and the dress code for **TONIC**'s fifth anniversary party. (This applies for both sexes, so get out the kilts.) The bar and restaurant has turned into a Mount Pleasant landmark, and it's celebrating Saturday night with drink specials and other surprises from 8 p.m. until last call. This is also a birthday party for owner Eric "Bernie" Bernstrom, so try not to say anything too mean about his beloved Detroit Lions.

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Now Playing

BODY OF LIES (R, 128 minutes) With its urgent post-9/11 context and often brutal violence, it seems off-key to describe this film as a nifty political thriller, but that's what it is. Leonardo DiCaprio plays Roger Ferris, a crackerjack CIA operative stationed in the Middle East whose handler, Ed Hoffman (Russell Crowe), backs him up from Langley by way of a secure phone and all-knowing satellite camera. Ridley Scott's film clicks along at an engaging pace, legibly limning its multitude of characters and even throwing in a good bit of wry humor. DiCaprio, however, seems off his game. (AH)

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG-13, 93 minutes) The Berlin of director Mark Herman's film unrolls as an as-yet-unbombed 1940s stronghold of Teutonic family values, blinkered Germans and plummy-accented, English-speaking Nazis. Few characters in film have been as relatively privileged, as morally conflicted and as willing to ignore it as Father (David Thewlis), the SS officer whose promotion will relocate him and his fam-



STOIC AGENT MAN: Daniel Craig is charmingly cool, collected and hardcore as James Bond in "Quantum of Solace."

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ily from cosmopolitan Germany to the stark deathscape of a Nazi work camp. Bruno (Asa Butterfield), the young son of this benighted family, will befriend an inmate his age named Shmuel (Jack Scanlon), hence the title and leaden symbolism of this adaptation of John Boyne's novel. The film asks the metaphysical question of what life would be like for the family of a concentration camp commandant, in yet another attempt to revisit a sorrowful event in history that should never be forgotten or used for entertainment. (JA)

BURN AFTER READING (R, 96 minutes) CIA analyst Osborne Cox (John Malkovich) is told that he is being demoted and transferred, in part because he has a drinking problem. Outraged, he quits and retreats to his posh Georgetown rowhouse to have a drink and tell his wife (Tilda Swinton), who is throwing a party for Sandy and Harry Pfarrer (Elizabeth Marvel and George Clooney). Harry is having an affair with Mrs. Cox. Osborne, a yacht-owning Princeton alum who's convinced he's the smartest guy in town, reacts to his career crisis by dictating his memoirs. These wind up at Hardbodies Gym and in the hands of dense personal trainer Chad Feldheimer (Brad Pitt) and his upbeat colleague Linda Litzke (Frances McDormand), who demand a

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little from Cox for the return of his classified material. Oh, the high-octane cast works hard. But there's nothing to suggest anybody off-camera tried that hard, which is fatal to a Coen brothers outing. (NT)

CHANGELING (R, 140 minutes) Angelina Jolie's star is apparently so incandescent that it blinded Clint Eastwood to the story mechanics that have made his films so sound. It is 1928, and Jolie's character, Christine Collins, is a Pacific

Telephone & Telegraph employee in Los Angeles. One day, she finds that her young son, Walter (Gattlin Griffith), is gone. Months later, the kid is returned to Collins. Case closed. Public happy. Except that the boy isn't her son. And for insisting that this is so, Collins is committed to an insane asylum. (JA)

THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13, 152 minutes) Heath Ledger's performance is a subtle, nuanced piece of acting so powerful it banishes all memories of the handsome Aussie behind it. He's supple of body and expressive with only his eyes, and his voice has undulations of irony and mockery and psychopathology. But when the Joker is absent, the film loses most of its

energy and becomes nothing but a pretty-boy face-off between Christian Bale (Batman) and Aaron Eckhart. (SH)

THE DUCHESS (PG-13, 110 minutes) Directed by Saul Dibb, the film shows that if Dibb knows nothing else, he knows what he has in star Keira Knightley. She's a beautiful, heroic and engaging Georgiana, the soon-to-be wife of the fairly abominable Duke of Devonshire (Ralph Fiennes), who wants nothing more than a son to carry on his name. Her naivete is painful, even more so in retrospect, after the Duke proves himself a brute. (JA)

EAGLE EYE (PG-13, 118 minutes) We used to have bad guys to play the men-

acing "them" in the paranoid conspiracy thriller. Nazis. Reds. Rogue CIA operatives. Pod people. Corporate goons. Now we have technology. The hapless target of this espionage is Jerry Shaw (Shia LaBeouf), the slacker twin brother of a talented military officer and the prodigal son of a well-to-do family. Shortly after his wunderkind brother dies in a car wreck, Jerry finds his bank account suddenly filled with \$750,000. His cell phone rings, and a disembodied female voice tells him the FBI is going to kick in the door in a few seconds. Director D.J. Caruso works hard to twist the paranoid-conspiracy-thriller motif. (NT)

FAMILIAR STRANGERS (PG-13, 86 min-

utes) The family at the center of this film certainly makes much of its own dysfunction. In fact, it's the subject of much of the film's conversation, which takes place over a long Thanksgiving homecoming in Staunton, Va. There's eldest son Brian (Shawn Hatosy), who moved away to become a technical writer rather than take over the family hardware store. Then there's little brother Kenny (DJ Qualls), an aspiring photojournalist who refuses to grow up; bitter divorced sister Erin (Cameron Richardson), who drives a snack food truck; their chipper mother (Ann Dowd); and their emotionally withholding father (Tom Bower). Far from perfect but also far from unique. In

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HAPPY-GO-LUCKY (R, 118 minutes) British actress Sally Hawkins delivers a nervy, utterly captivating tour de force performance in Mike Leigh's transporting new film. Hawkins plays Poppy, a London schoolteacher with an indomitable spirit and persistently cheerful outlook on life, even when the bowl of cherries winds up being full of pits. Viewers may find themselves holding their collective breath, waiting for the inevitable shoe to drop on Poppy's indefatigable optimism. No spoilers here, except to



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say that the film won't break your heart — it will make it soar. (AH)

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G, 110 minutes) With exuberant and terrifically-danced choreography, catsoft-rock songs and a likable cast that doesn't look too impossibly perfect, this first feature film in the series that began on Disney cable TV ought to delight fans — especially those in the 8-to-12, or tween, range. In this G-rated world, teens are drug-free and chaste, and they never swear. Zac Efron will again set hearts aflutter as Troy, a high school basketball star and ace singer/actor/songwriter. His girlfriend, Gabriella (Vanessa Anne Hudgens), already knows she's headed to Stanford. (JANE HORWITZ)

LET THE RIGHT ONE IN (R, 114 minutes) This Swedish drama lurks in a cold, dark, brooding territory, inhabited by people both haunting and terrified: tweens. Chief

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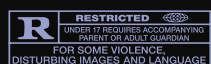
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among them: Oskar (Kare Hedebrant), the pink-skinned, white-blond, Billy Budd-ish child of a single mother, a loner and a target, whose days are tormented by a trio of very devoted schoolyard bullies. The other is Eli (Lina Leandersson), the dark-eyed waif who moves into Oskar's apartment block, goes barefoot in the snow and gives Oskar something to live for. Even though she is technically dead. Or, rather, undead. Yep: Eli is a vampire, and the film is, in the basest of



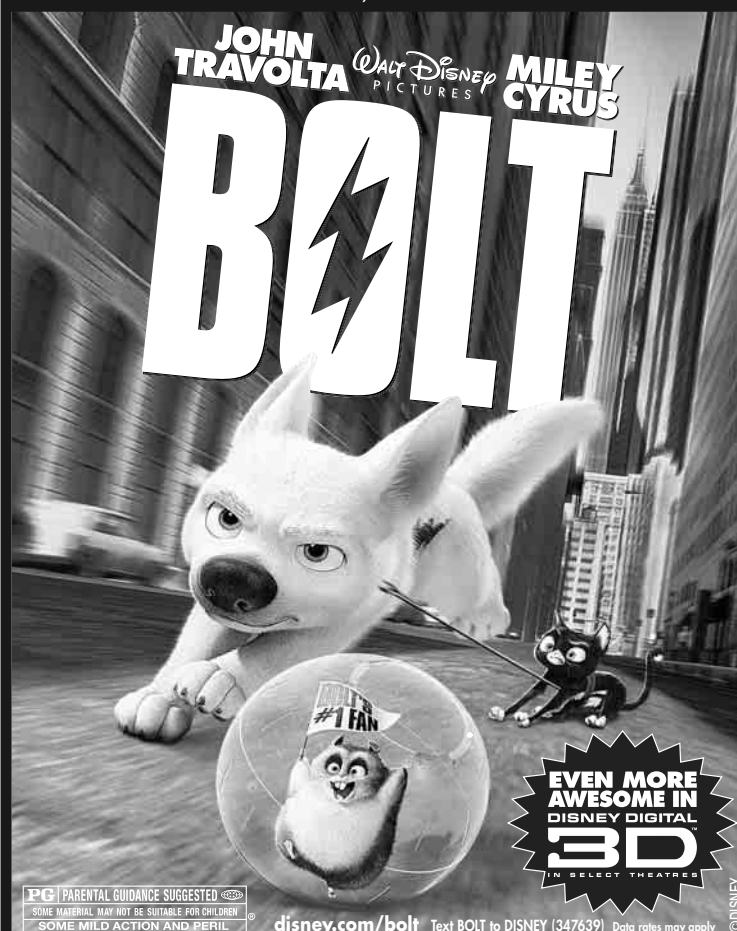
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terms, a horror flick, toying with the audience's existing vampire knowledge. Eli doesn't want to put the bite on anyone. For that she has Hakan (Per Ragnar), a man old enough to be her grandfather. And that leaves Oskar, whose need for love has him looking for a friend — not on the Internet, but in the realms of the undead. (JA)

MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG, 89 minutes) Visually captivating, this sequel to the 2005 hit about zoo animals on the lam suffers from a plethora of subplots and suggestive humor aimed at viewers in the upper range of its PG-rated demographic. This is, after all, a movie that opens with a shamelessly crowd-

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CANINES ALWAYS LOVE PINK: Maddy (Georgia Mae Lively) and her dog, Lilly, switch headgear in "Familiar Strangers."

Still, she wouldn't budge until the catchy "I Like to Move It" song had faded. Never underestimate the entertainment value of the boogieing tushie. (AH)

NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13, 90 minutes) This infectious night-in-the-life romantic comedy stars Michael Cera and Kat Dennings as the title characters, high school students who share rarified tastes in music but wildly different temperaments. As the two make their way through the smiles of a New York night, they bicker, confide, criticize and ultimately find true love. (AH)

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surgeon (Richard Gere) and a dumped wife (Diane Lane), who fall into each other's arms during a storm, is utterly and completely unsupported by anything that happens in the film based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks. What really sells this three-hanky tear-jerker is Lane's steely and vulnerable performance. Like Tinker Bell, she almost made me believe in fairies. Almost. (M)

NOAH'S ARC: JUMPING THE BROOM (R, 101 minutes) The story takes place over a single wintry weekend on Martha's Vineyard, where a tightly knit group of friends has gathered to celebrate the nuptials of Noah (Darryl Stevens) and Wade (Jensen Atwood). It goes without saying that jealousies, misunderstandings and comic hissy fits — mostly courtesy of Alex (Rodney Chester), the group's ad hoc wedding planner and an over-the-top treat — will ensue. And that all loose ends will be tidily tied up into a big romantic bow by the closing credits. (M)

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13, 106 minutes) In his breakout 2006 performance as 007 in "Casino Royale," Daniel Craig proved an able successor to the man who defined the role, Sean Connery. In its sequel, all the dash and elan of that film has been leached out, leaving Bond little more than a serial killer with Bombay Sapphire eyes and a good tux. Gone are the lush locales, libidinous sex scenes and playful puns. Gone, indeed, is all the fun. Adding insult to injury, they justify the whole enterprise in a ludicrous environmental cautionary tale about corporate control of water. Olga Kurylenko does her best in a regrettably glum role as Bond's sultry love interest; Mathieu Amalric plays the villain with the same catatonic stare he affected to far more engaging effect in "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly." Thank heaven for Judi Dench, whose M provides the film its sole quantum of peppery brio. (A)

RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R, 113 minutes) The bravura way director Jonathan Demme juggles the hurly-burly of an upscale wedding — made hurlier and burlier by the arrival, straight from rehab, of the title character's (Rosemarie DeWitt) high-maintenance sister Kym (Anne Hathaway, like you've never seen her) — harkens back to the darkness and emotional complexity of "The Silence of the Lambs" and the madcap energy of "Something Wild." There's a dark secret, too, but its lurking presence never feels cheap or forced. (M)

RELIGULOUS (R, 101 minutes) Several of Bill Maher's ideas about religion will make you laugh out loud in the television host's globe-trotting, full-frontal assault on the three major Western faiths. But one of the rules of satire is that you can't mock things you don't understand, and the film starts developing fault lines when it becomes clear that Maher's view of religious faith is based on a sophomoric reading of the Scriptures. "You're smart people," he tells guys at a truck stop chapel, when it is clear he thinks them anything but. (NT)

ROLE MODELS (R, 99 minutes) Danny and Wheeler tool around Los Angeles, in a monster truck that snorts fire, peddling an energy drink called Minotaur to school kids, as if it's an anti-drug alternative. Danny, bored with it all and losing his girlfriend, drives the truck into a statue of a horse. Such is the beginning of the film in which Danny (Paul Rudd) and Wheeler (Seann William Scott) are ordered to complete 150 hours of community service mentoring troubled teens — or go to jail. Danny hooks up with Augie (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), a stereotypical dweebish white kid who wears a cape and is absorbed in role-playing games. Wheeler gets Ronnie (Bobb'e J. Thompson), a stereotypical black kid with a bad attitude and a potty mouth. Danny must connect with Augie, of course, in order to redeem himself and reclaim his sweetie (Elizabeth Banks), and Wheeler and Ronnie fill in the subplot. You can probably figure out how this is all going to end, but it still has more laughs than you might think. (NT)

SAW V (R, 88 minutes) More "guilty" people deserving "punishment," kidnapped, chained in a basement filled with ingenious, self-mutilating torture devices that the punished must endure to survive to the next room on their way to "rehabilitation." More cops trying to solve the Jigsaw riddle before more of the punished bleed out, gruesomely. Tobin Bell still turns up as the pale, feral blond with a gift for gory gadgets. It's so predictable that the mind wanders. (ORLANDO SENTINEL)

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13, 110 minutes) Against the backdrop of the civil rights struggle in mid-1960s South Carolina, this anachronistic tale of female empowerment, redemption and racial tolerance is a tale of the Old South, seen through the lens of today's social consciousness. Lily (Dakota Fanning) has run away from her abusive father (Paul Bettany) with household servant Rosaleen (Jennifer Hudson), a fugitive from a bigot who has threatened to kill her for sassing him while trying to register to vote. What a pair they make, traveling through the deep South at the height of black-white tension. Soon,



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Still Life With Thomas

ACTORS WHOSE CHARACTERS battle demons — think Russell Crowe in "A Beautiful Mind" or Marion Cotillard in "La Vie en Rose" — get to thrash around. Performers who are playing the larger-than-life — picture Daniel Day-Lewis in "There Will Be Blood" or Helen Mirren in "The Queen" — are encouraged to be, well, larger than life. Kristin Scott Thomas faced a more complicated challenge with "I've Loved You So Long." She had to be nothing. Scott Thomas was cast in the French drama as a woman trying to vanish emotionally, someone who wants to be left alone, a person who appears to have given up hope. "I've Loved You So Long" is the debut directorial effort from screenwriter and novelist Philippe Claudel. In it, Scott Thomas plays Juliette Fontaine, who has just been released from prison after serving 15 years for a crime that is neither openly discussed nor immediately disclosed. After her discharge, Juliette moves in with her sister, Lea (Elsa Zylberstein), who proves far more accommodating than Lea's fearful husband, Luc (Serge Hazanavicius). No matter how elegant Scott Thomas may appear in person or onstage, in this movie she is miles from movie-star pretty. Her demeanor, like her hair and her clothes, is lifeless, flat. It's not that she's unsympathetic; rather, she's almost inert.

JOHN HORN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

they are taken in by August Boatwright (Queen Latifah), a kindly earth mother and honey magnate who lives with her sisters June (Alicia Keys) and May (Sophie Okonedo) in a Pepto-Bismol-colored house. Through it all, Fanning more than keeps up with the big girls. (M)

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R, 121 minutes) The resourceful, unerringly grounded title character is Jamal Malik Dev Patel), a lanky kid from the Mumbai slums whom we meet just after he wins 10 million rupees on India's own version of the "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire"

TV show. Accused of cheating, Jamal is taken into custody by the Mumbai police, and he proceeds to tell them his story, a tale of one boy's decidedly unsentimental education by way of poverty, tribal strife, abandonment, exploitation, criminal gangs and star-crossed love. Director Danny Boyle has clearly found inspiration in the geography and textures of modern-day India, though with its stock characters and often outlandishly contrived plot, the film could easily be relegated to the category of cinematic stunt. But even at its most superficial, this chai-fueled

fable retains its appeal, largely because of Boyle's fluency with the medium he so obviously loves. (A)

SOUL MEN (R, 98 minutes) There is some pleasure to be had in watching — and listening to — Samuel L. Jackson and the late Bernie Mac sing and dance. Playing Louis Hinds and Floyd Henderson, a pair of washed-up backup singers who come out of retirement to perform in a tribute concert for their recently deceased former band leader (John Legend), the two veterans, who reportedly did their own moves and vocals, look and sound

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SEX, POVERTY AND MUMBAI: Just some of what you'll see in "Slumdog Millionaire."

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good in an array of matching suits left over from the golden age of doo-wop. Unfortunately, not good enough to make up for the unnecessary proliferation of Viagra humor, rectal-exam jokes and comedy at the expense of women, as the two now-estranged bandmates bicker with and swear at each other during a road trip from California to New York's Apollo Theater. You don't expect serious in a Bernie Mac movie, but whatever happened to a little dignity? (MO)

SYNECDOCHE, NEW YORK (R, 124 minutes) Caden Cotard (Philip Seymour Hoffman) is the emotional void at the center of this astonishingly good film written and directed by Charlie Kaufman. Cotard, a theater director wasting his talents in Schenectady, N.Y., is given a "genius grant" that enables him to do something big, something grand and honest. He moves to New York City, where he re-creates the daily disappointments of his existence inside a giant warehouse. As the years slip by and he fails to find lasting love or happiness in his personal life, Cotard's ever-larger, ever-more-complex theatrical version of his own existence also refuses him wisdom, consolation or perspective. The acting is magnificent, especially Hoffman's anguished, distracted, solipsistic portrayal of Cotard. Catherine Keener is both chilling and charming as Cotard's wife, a woman chased and caught by fame. It is one of the best films of the year. Of the decade, too. (PHILIP KENNICOTT)

W. (PG-13, 29 minutes) The through line of Oliver Stone's new biopic of President

Bush is the recurring Oedipal struggle between the titular Bush "Junior" (played in a squinty-eyed, set-jawed impersonation by Josh Brolin) and his far more accomplished father, George H.W. Bush (James Cromwell). Stone brackets his subject's unlikely rise by his decision to invade Iraq: That decision comes to pass in a series of sinister and amusing meetings with his war cabinet and Vice President Dick Cheney. Played by Richard Dreyfuss, Cheney emerges as a quietly diabolical eminence grise. It's a glib, facile portrayal of what is doubtlessly a far more complicated relationship. Overall, the film is a scattershot attempt at stylized portraiture that plays like a half-baked editorial cartoon. (AH)

ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORN (R, 102 minutes) You'll look at this story of a bone-cold winter in Pittsburgh, where a schlub named Zack (Seth Rogen) has a lifelong babe of a friend and roommate named Miri (Elizabeth Banks), and wonder why this nice girl isn't somewhere else. Times are hard, and the electricity gets cut off at home. So, Miri agrees to have sex on tape with Zack to gin up some cash. It won't take much to recognize that Rogen is reprising his standard role: a nonthreatening loser with a good heart. Despite the crude humor and standard plot, you will laugh out loud, perhaps because everyone on screen seems to be having so much fun. (NT)



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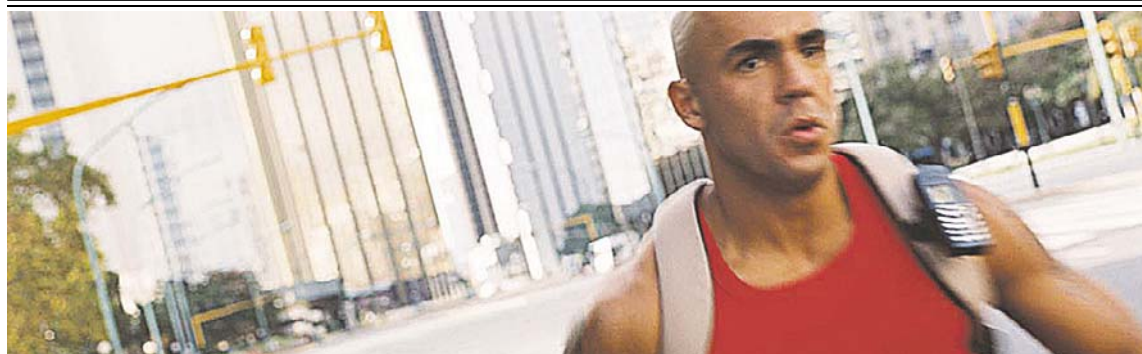
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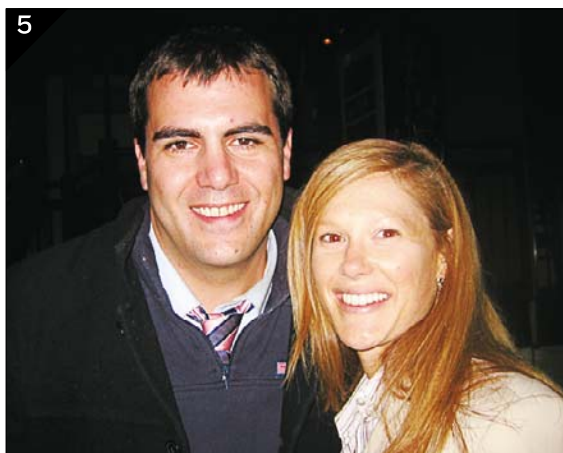
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Simply the Best

How does she do it? Those powerful pipes, legs for days. Tina Turner's been around for a while, but she's definitely still on top of her game. She hasn't recorded much new material, but she has so many hits, it doesn't matter. Her "One Last Time" concert in 2001 was supposed to be, well, the one last time. But, apparently, going back to Nutbush, Tenn., to be Anna Mae Bullock again just doesn't feel right. **KELSEY PARRISH**

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→ The Red & the Black, 1212 H St. NE; Sat., Nov. 22, 9 p.m., \$8; 202-399-3201.

3 Celeb in Chief

Warren G. Harding was widely considered to be one of our worst presidents. He boozed and gambled his way through the White House — oh, and did we mention the numerous affairs he allegedly engaged in? It's from this undeserved fame that Landless Theatre Company drew the concept: Harding as an actual rock star, complete with jumpsuit, keytar and cocaine. This isn't history, but it's massively entertaining, well-produced and excitingly performed. **F.Z.**

→ DCAC, 2438 18th St. NW; through Nov. 30, \$18. (Woodley Park)



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4 Get His Talk On

David Rees was perhaps the first popular Web cartoonist to realize that you don't need to be able to draw to be a popular Web cartoonist. Rees turns instead to clip art to accompany his political satire. His strip is so popular that it's been made into a play — and he'll be speaking about his contribution at the new Busboys and Poets space on Sunday. **F.Z.**

→ Busboys and Poets, 1025 5th St. NW; Sun., 6 p.m., free; 202-789-2227. (Mt. Vernon Square)



5 Factual Face-Lift

Two years, two months and 16 days: That is how long the National Museum of American History has been closed for renovations. The long wait is over, and Washingtonians will finally have their history back when the museum cuts the ribbon and reopens this weekend. **THOMAS FLOYD**

→ National Museum of American History, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW; Fri., 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Sat. and Sun., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., free; 202-633-1000. (Smithsonian)

dine&dash



The 365 Days Of Thanksgiving

WHILE THANKSGIVING ISN'T for another week, area restaurants have us saying, "Holy yams!" to these fabulous Turkey Day-inspired edibles and drinkables, which are available all year.

Bo Blair, owner of the popular Georgetown sandwich shop Jetties (1609 Foxhall Road NW; 202-965-3663) deserves a Nobel Prize for deciding to sell a Thanksgiving-leftovers sandwich. The eatery's specialty sammy, the Nobadeer comes stacked with carved turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce on sourdough bread. Look how much Blair's colleague David Scribner is enjoying his in the picture! Get one yourself, and then, if you need a side dish on the way home, stop by the well-known Café Saint-Ex (1847 14th St. NW; 202-265-7839) for its one-of-a-kind sweet potato fries.

On the cocktail side of things, cheer up after hours with a delectable pumpkin pick-me-up. The Lounge at the Park Hyatt (24th and M streets NW; 202-758-0173) is currently serving pumpkin pie martinis, an intoxicating mixture of pumpkin puree, pumpkin liqueur, butterscotch schnapps, Kahlua and half-and-half.

If mixed drinks aren't up your alley, Ping by Charlie Chiang's (4060 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-671-4900) has a pumpkin ale sampler of four different ales until the end of the month for \$9. And finally, for a nonalcoholic booster, try Starbucks' (various locations) pumpkin spice latte. **TAMAR HALLERMAN**



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Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

YOU GOT THAT, RIGHT?

On tonight's **GHOST WHISPERER** (8 p.m., CBS, Fri.), Melinda finds herself drawn to Sam (Kenneth Mitchell), an accident victim who should be dead but remains alive, she thinks, owing to the fact that the spirit of her just-deceased husband, Jim (David Conrad), has entered his body and reanimated him.

MUSH TILL YOU DROP

TOUGHEST RACE ON EARTH: IDITAROD (8 p.m., Discovery, Fri.) slides to its conclusion.

HISTORICAL VIOLENCE

Friday's nights are all right for fighting on **CRUSOE** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

HOW MERRY!

Kristin Davis stars in the 2001 holiday movie **THREE DAYS** (9 p.m., Family, Fri.) as an unappreciated wife killed on Christmas Eve. An angel (Tim Meadows) gives her



Stephen Colbert is joined by John Legend and others as he rings in the season.

grief-stricken husband (Reed Diamond) a second chance to realize what he's lost.

A REDNECK XMAS

In other way-too-early holiday programming, the **LARRY THE CABLE GUY'S STAR-STUDED CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**

(9 p.m., CMT, Fri.) offers an "old-school" special featuring performances by Montgomery Gentry, Rodney Atkins and Emily West.

'DISTRACTION' — HOW KIND

Scheduled on **20/20** (10 p.m., ABC, Fri.):

an interview with Ashley Dupre, former New York governor Eliot Spitzer's fate-ful distraction.

STONE TEMPLE PILOT

Jay Leno hosts Scott Weiland on **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

STAY IN, BE DORKY

The 2008 made-for-TV thriller **LOST CITY RAIDERS** (9 p.m., Sci Fi, Sat.) stars James Brodin as a seagoing scavenger.

WILL HE REMOVE THE HAT?

Tim McGraw hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guest T-Pain with Ludacris.

ALWAYS TIP, KIDS

A team stiff a cab driver and pays the price on **AMAZING RACE** (8 p.m., CBS, Sun.).

WE'LL PROBABLY STILL WATCH

24: REDEMPTION (8 p.m., Fox, Sun.) should be called "24: Disappointment." It deviates from the "24" formula in both tone and structure, leaving us afraid for the franchise's future.



BAUER HOUR: Two hours, actually. The "24" movie airs on Sunday at 8 p.m.

A VERY SILLY CHRISTMAS

Stephen Colbert sends up the holiday special with **A COLBERT CHRISTMAS: THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL** (10 p.m., Comedy Central, Sun.), featuring guest spots and musical appearances by Elvis Costello, Feist, Toby Keith, John Legend, Willie Nelson and Jon Stewart. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



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SOUL MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 330) 605 835 1110

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) (110 350) 640 920 1155

ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 305 535) 805 1030

CHANGELING (R) - ID REQ'D (300 PM) 615 PM 930 PM

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RW & DA: TWILIGHT (PG-13) ★ (1045 135 425) 720 1015

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) ★ (1040 110 1140 1210 110 140 210 240 340 410 440 510) 610 640 710 745 850 920 945 1025

ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (120 355) 735 1005

MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (1045 1120 1150 105 150 220 310 405 445 520) 705 925 940

CHANGELING (R) - ID REQ'D (1105 235) 620 935

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) (105 345) 700 950

SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13) 655 PM 955 PM

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BOLT 3D - \$2.50 CHARGE FOR 3D (PG) ★ (1145 215 445) 715 945

BOLT (PG) ★ (1000 1030 1110 1220 1250 140 245 320 410 515 545) 630 745 815 900 1015 1045

OC & DA: QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (1240 PM)

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) ★ (1010 1040 1120 1200 130 210 250 340 430 510 540) 630 730 810 850 920 1020 1050

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG-13) (1020 115 415) 635 915

ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 220 440) 750 1030

SOUL MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 PM)

MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (1015 1050 1130 1230 120 230 300 350 450 550) 620 720 820 850 950 1040

ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORNO (R) - ID REQ'D (1050 150 420) 740 1010

CHANGELING (R) - ID REQ'D (315 PM) 650 PM 1005 PM

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) (1025 110 345) 710 940

SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13) (1215 330) 645 930

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TWILIGHT (PG-13) ★ (1000 1100 1200 100 200 300 400 500) 600 700 800 900 1000 1100

BOLT (PG) ★ (1015 1045 1145 1245 115 215 315 345 445 545) 615 715 815 845 945 1045

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) ★ (1030 1130 130 230 430 530) 730 830 1030 1110

RW & DA: QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) ★ (1230 330) 630 930

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG-13) (1220 220 440) 720 950

ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (1140 240 510) 740 1010

MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (1020 1115 1250 145 245 320 415 515 550) 645 915

ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORNO (R) - ID REQ'D 1040 PM

CHANGELING (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 PM 350 PM) 1020 PM

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TWILIGHT - DP (PG-13) ★ (215 515) 815 1110

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) ★ (1250 1250 145 235 325 425 510) 605 700 745 840 935 1020 1115

MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (1210 1100 145 245 320 415 510 550) 610 715 930

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) (140 PM 435 PM)

SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13) 720 PM 955 PM

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TWILIGHT (PG-13) ★ (1130 1230 130 230 330 430 530) 630 730 830 930 1030 1130

BOLT 3D - \$2.50 CHARGE FOR 3D (PG) ★ (1145 215 445) 715 1015

BOLT (PG) ★ (1045 1245 115 315 545) 615 815 915 1100

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) ★ (1015 1115 1215 100 200 300 345 415 515) 600 645 745 845 945 1045 1115

ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 240) 650 920

MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (1045 1100 145 245 320 400 500) 700 800 1000

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) (110 410) 710 950

SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13) 1040 PM

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DIGITAL 3D
BOLT IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3-D (PG) (10:00 @ \$8), 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20, 11:50

BOLT (PG) (10:30, 11:20 @ \$6), 12:00, 1:25, 2:05, 2:50, 4:10, 5:00, 5:40, 7:00, 7:50, 8:30, 10:00, 10:40, 11:20

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG13) (11:30 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40, 12:15

TWILIGHT (PG13) ✓ (10:20, 11:00, 11:40 @ \$6), 12:15, 1:20, 2:15, 2:55, 3:25, 4:20, 5:30, 6:10, 6:40, 7:20, 8:45, 9:15, 9:50, 10:20, 12:00

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG13) (10:10, 11:10 @ \$6), 12:35, 1:05, 2:10, 3:35, 4:05, 5:10, 6:25, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:10, 11:30, 12:10

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG13) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:50

MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG) (10:50 @ \$6), 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 5:50, 7:15

ROLE MODELS (R) (10:05, 11:50 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:20, 3:05, 4:45, 5:35, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45

SOUL MEN (R) (11:55 @ \$6), 2:45, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30

ZACK AND MIRI (R) 8:05, 10:35

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) 12:05, 2:40, 5:25, 8:15, 11:00

CHANGELING (R) 12:20, 3:30, 6:45, 9:55

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:15, 3:50, 6:50, 9:45

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DIGITAL 3D
BOLT IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3-D (PG) (11:30 @ \$8), 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45, 12:05

BOLT (PG) (9:30 @ \$8), 12:00, 2:45, 5:15, 6:10, 7:45, 8:40, 10:30, 11:30

BOLT (PG) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:10, 3:45

TWILIGHT (PG13) (8:15, 10:00 @ \$6), 12:15, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:15, 7:15, 9:15, 10:15, 12:00

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG13) (8:45, 10:40, 11:20 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:20, 2:10, 3:10, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 11:00

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG13) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

ROLE MODELS (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 3:30, 6:20, 11:45

SOUL MEN (R) 10:40 PM

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) (9:20 @ \$6), 12:20, 3:20, 6:25, 9:10, 12:10

CHANGELING (R) 11:50 PM

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) (10:15 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10

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DIGITAL 3D
BOLT IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3-D (PG) ✓ 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15, 11:45

BOLT (PG) ✓ 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45

TWILIGHT (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30, 12:15

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG13) ✓ 12:25, 1:35, 2:20, 3:05, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:45, 10:35, 11:15, 12:25

MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG) 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:40

MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG) 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:40

ROLE MODELS (R) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55, 12:20

ZACK AND MIRI (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 10:10

BOY OF LIES (R) 4:55, 10:20

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) ✓ 1:10, 2:10, 4:05, 5:05, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 11:00

CHANGELING (R) 4:00, 10:05

W. (PG13) 1:00, 7:05

BURN AFTER READING (R) 2:30, 7:55

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DIGITAL 3D
BOLT IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3-D (PG) ✓ (10:05 @ \$8), 12:35, 3:05, 5:40, 8:20, 10:45

BOLT (PG) ✓ (11:35 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55

BOLT (PG) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:40, 6:15, 8:50, 11:25

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG13) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:15, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05

TWILIGHT (PG13) ✓ (10:00, 11:00 @ \$6), 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG13) ✓ (10:20, 11:05, 11:50 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 2:30, 3:10, 3:50, 4:30, 5:10, 5:50, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:30, 9:10, 9:50, 10:30, 11:10

MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG) (10:25, 11:20 @ \$6), 12:55, 1:45, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:25

ROLE MODELS (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:20

SOUL MEN (R) (11:45 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:55, 7:30

ZACK AND MIRI (R) 9:25 PM

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45

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CHANGELING (R) 4:10, 7:40, 10:50

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SOUL MEN (R) 12:30, 5:20, 10:10

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

NIGHTS IN RODAN (PG13) 3:00, 7:40

AMC SELECT

CHANGELING (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

THE DUCHESS (PG13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25

RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R) 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

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BOLT (PG) (11:30 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20

TWILIGHT (PG13) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:15, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:15, 7:15, 9:15, 10:15

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG13) (11:50 @ \$6), 1:20, 2:20, 3:50, 4:50, 6:20, 7:20, 8:50, 9:50

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG13) (11:50 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG) (11:00 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:30, 2:30, 4:05, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

ROLE MODELS (R) (11:55 @ \$6), 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55

SOUL MEN (R) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

SAW V (R) 7:05, 9:35

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THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:05

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THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00

I'VE LOVED YOU SO LONG (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20

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HAPPY-GO-LUCKY (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55

SYNECDOCHE, NEW YORK (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

THE DUCHESS (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

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QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13)
(I) 11:50, 2:15, 5:10, 7:40, 10:25

MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG)
11:15, 11:40, 1:30, 2:00, 3:45, 4:20, 6:10, 6:45, 8:15, 9:15, 10:35

SOUL MEN (R)
11:30, 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 9:30

ROLE MODELS (R)
11:30, 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 9:30

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13)
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THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG-13)
2:15, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55

A CHRISTMAS TALE (NR)
3:00, 6:20, 9:45

ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORN (R)
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TWILIGHT (PG-13)
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

SOUL MEN (R)
11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3 (G)
2:20, 6:50

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13)
11:45, 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:40, 10:20

MADAGASCAR 2 (PG)
12:10, 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10, 10:20

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13)
12:00, 4:35, 9:00

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QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13)
5:00, 7:30, 9:50

MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG)
5:00, 7:30, 9:50

AFRICA (PG) 4:50, 7:00, 9:00

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10:15, 12:30, 2:50, 4:55, 7:10, 9:15

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13)
10:05, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50

SYNECDOCHE, NEW YORK (R)
9:45, 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05

RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R)
9:55, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 8:00, 10:10

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY (R)
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1:00, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55, 11:55

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG-13)
1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 9:40

RELIGIOUS (R)
11:50 PM

LOLA MONTES (NR)
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45

AMERICAN PSYCHO (R)
12:00 AM

SYNECDOCHE, NEW YORK (R)
1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05

LET THE RIGHT ONE IN (R)
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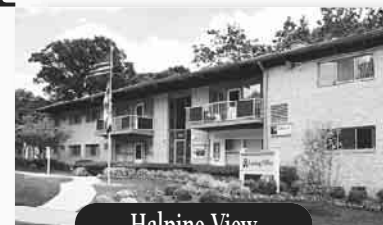
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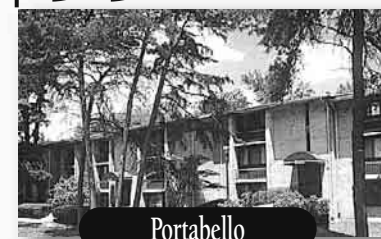
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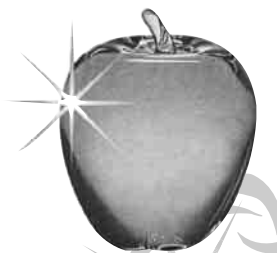
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Educators advocate for more unstructured time for young kids

In one classroom, a group of preschool teachers squatted on the floor, pretending to be cave-dwelling hunter-gatherers. Next door, another group ended a raucous musical game by placing their tambourines and drums atop their heads.

Silly business, to be sure, but part of an agenda of utmost seriousness: to spread the word that America's children need more time for freewheeling play at home and in their schools.

"We're all sad, and we're a little worried. ... We're sad about something missing in childhood," psychologist and author Michael Thompson told 900 early childhood educators from 22 states packed into an auditorium last week.

"We have to fight back," he declared. "We're going to fight for play."

“Play equals learning. For too long, we have divorced the two.”

KATHY HIRSH-PASEK, PSYCHOLOGIST

After his keynote speech at New York's 92nd Street Y, the teachers dispersed into dozens of workshops, some lighthearted, some scholarly — but all supporting the case that creative, spontaneous play is both vital and endangered.

It's not a brand-new cause — two years ago it was endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics. But social changes and new demands on kids' spare time con-

front free-play advocates with an ever-moving target.

Among the speakers at last week's Wonderplay conference was Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, a Temple University psychologist who contends that lack of play in early childhood education "could be the next global warming."

Without ample opportunity for forms of play that foster innovation and creative thinking, she argues, America's children will be at a disadvantage in the global economy.

"Play equals learning," she said. "For too long, we have divorced the two."

Some of the factors behind diminished playtime have been evolving for decades, others are

Play Debate

more recent. Added together, they have resulted in eight to 12 fewer hours of free-play time per week for the average American child since the 1980s, experts say.

Among the key factors, according to Thompson:

— Parents' reluctance to let their kids play outside on their own, for fear of abduction or injury, and the companion trend of scheduling lessons, supervised sports and other structured activities that consume a large chunk of a child's non-school hours.

— More hours per week spent by kids watching TV, playing video games, using the Internet and communicating on cell phones.

— More emphasis on formal learning in preschool, more homework for elementary school students and more pressure from parents on young children to quickly acquire academic skills.



PEEKABOO: Jessie Murphy covers her face with a scarf as part of a workshop about early childhood education in New York.



Women label leaves in a workshop about how to encourage children's creativity.

"Parents are more self-conscious and competitive than in the past," Thompson said. "They're pushing their kids to excel. ... Free play loses out."

The consequences are potentially dire, according to Thompson. He contends that diminished time to play freely with other children is producing a generation of socially inept young people and is a factor behind high rates of youth obesity, anxiety, attention-deficit disorder and depression.

Many families turn to organized sports as a principal non-school activity, but Thompson noted that this option doesn't necessarily breed creativity and can lead to burnout for good young athletes and frustration for the less skilled.

Vivian Paley, a former kindergarten teacher at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and now an author and consultant, argues that the most vital form of play for young children involves fantasy and role-playing with their peers.

"They're inventing abstract thinking, before the world tells them what to think," Paley said in her speech to the conference. "It gets them thinking, 'I am intended to have my own ideas.'"

DAVID CRARY (AP)

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TELEVISION

Hail to the Chef

That shining moment after the first episode of "Top Chef," when the talent seems infallible, has passed. When the second elimination challenge rolled around, "Hail to the Chef" blogger Karmah Elmusa was knocked wide-awake with the realization that there are some real losers here. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



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CD REVIEW

Too Much 'Democracy'

Are you going to be rushing out to buy Guns N' Roses' "Chinese Democracy" on Sunday? Here's a tip: don't. And if you don't believe us, go listen to the full album, which is streaming on MySpace, and then read Christopher Porter's review. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

WOULD YOU BE LESS LIKELY TO VISIT SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS IF THEY CHARGED ADMISSION?

YES 81%

NO 19%



"Fee or no fee, the Smithsonian

Institution is home to the world's greatest collection of cultural, historical and scientific objects. I wouldn't deny myself the pleasure of the experience for a few dollars."

COMMENTER DIOGENES, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WOULD YOU BE LESS LIKELY TO VISIT SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS IF THEY CHARGED ADMISSION?"

D.C.-area residents and the tourists who come here have been spoiled by having so many local free museums. Go to any other major city and you'll pay at least \$20."

COMMENTER NATIVE, WHO ADDED, "I CERTAINLY WOULD PAY A NOMINAL FEE FOR ANY FINE CULTURAL INSTITUTION ON THE MALL."

One of my favorite parts of the museums is that they're free, so I don't have to budget a whole day to feel like I'm getting my money's worth."

COMMENTER MAGDA, WHO ADDED, "I'D STILL GO IF THEY CHARGED, BUT IT WOULD BE MORE OF AN EVENT."

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT EXPRESSNIGHTOUT.COM/POLLCENTER

Blog LOG

"Two hundred seventy wins are impressive, but in my mind [Mike Mussina] 'The Moose' will always be more of a compiler than a great player."

COLLEGEGRADREALWORLD.NET DOES NOT THINK THE FORMER ORIOLAS AND YANKEES PITCHER DESERVES TO BE IN THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME.



CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

"Ever have one of those mornings where your body seems to take over and you run on automatic? It's pretty clear that my brain is already on holiday. I've had to multitask it way too much, and it's starting to experience walking amnesia."

BLOG.URBANBOHEMIAN.COM HAS APPARENTLY CHECKED OUT AND IS READY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON TO BEGIN.

"My motto has been 'to hell with politics and just do what is right for Alaska,'" [Stevens] said. The Senate gave him a standing ovation."

ALASKANABROAD.TYPEPAD.COM RELAYS THE STORY OF FORMER ALASKA SEN. TED STEVENS' FAREWELL SPEECH ON THE SENATE FLOOR, IN WHICH HE SAID HE EXPECTS TO BE EXONERATED LEGALLY.



"PIGS CAN FLY NOW, hell has frozen over, and the sky is falling! The world is coming to an end on Sunday. Well, my world, anyway. Jesse and I have been asked to go to church. And we've decided to go."

ANORANGECOUNTYGIRL.BLOGSPOT.COM IS HEADED TO CHURCH, ONLY BECAUSE HER BOYFRIEND'S PARENTS HAVE BEEN NAGGING.

Discussions

Modern Pirates

Former U.S. Navy SEAL and current TV journalist **KAJ LARSEN** was online Thursday to discuss modern-day piracy and his experience in Southeast Asia uncovering a story on piracy.

I read that the U.S. Navy has suggested that merchant ships consider arming themselves. Apparently, they don't want to do so because it would increase insurance costs. But it sounds like a pretty good idea to me. The issue here is ability. The parallel is airline pilots carrying guns; it's not really their domain of expertise. Increasingly, what you will see is private security firms getting involved, because eventually the insurance



U.S. NAVY VIA GETTY IMAGES

The Ukrainian vessel MV Faina was seized by pirates Sept. 25 near Somalia.

costs will become prohibitive. In general, I am not a fan of encouraging untrained people to carry weapons. I think it's a recipe for disaster, especially with the aggressiveness of these modern-day pirates.

Why are the world powers not doing anything to discourage the pirates? Is there a profit motivation in countries

that prevents any action?

No. Only in Somalia, and it's a private enterprise, not a public one. In fact, it's quite the opposite. The issue has the potential to cripple the global economy. Piracy in Somalia, Southeast Asia and even Nigeria can impact the supply of oil, which can have drastic effects on the global economy.

Why don't ships have more security? A Wells Fargo truck has more security than some of these ships.

Increasingly, ships are realizing they need security. In the past, this was a cost-saving mechanism; less crew meant it was cheaper. Now you will see private security firms getting in the game. Blackwater is already there.

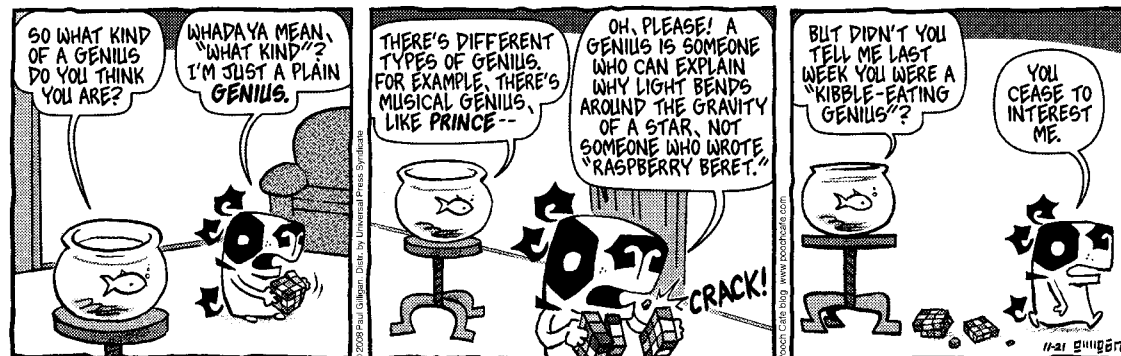
TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Jen Chaney, movies editor and DVD columnist for washingtonpost.com, talks "Twilight" and all things movies at 12:30 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

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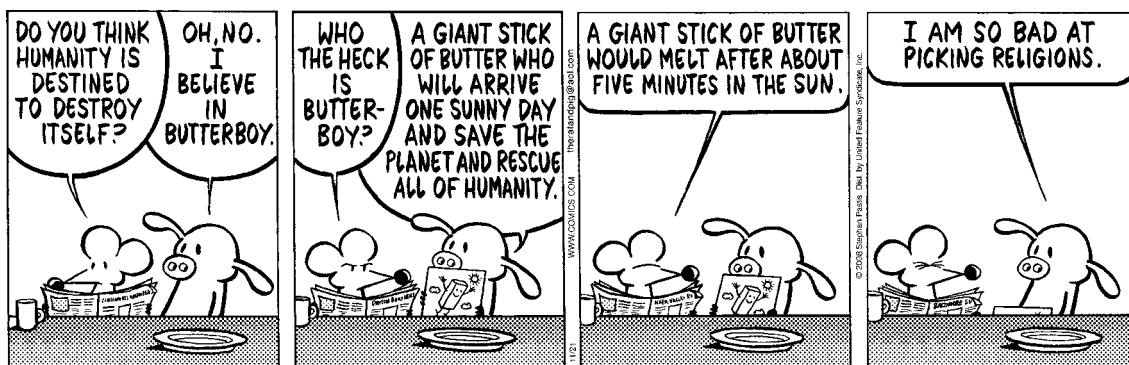
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“Which program would you like – the use it or lose it, or use it *to* lose it?”

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*

Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21) Don't be impatient; your turn will come. Meanwhile, you can do much to aid and support those who are currently in the spotlight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) This is a good day for you to do everything you can to make up for an unintentional offense that perhaps put some things out of reach.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be too eager to please someone close to you. There is reason to concentrate more on your own needs at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't let others hold you to comments made in the heat of passion over the past few days. You have the freedom to recant or to change your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20) You're knee-deep in something you still can't quite figure out—but you're getting closer each and every day. You'll get a major clue.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your luck is about to change, but if you play your

cards right, you needn't be fortune's fool.
Indeed, take a more controlling part.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A move may be in the picture—if not now, then surely in the near future. It's time to prepare for your new role in a new environment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can be a little more unpredictable without threatening your current position one bit. Have a little fun with your own routine endeavors.

CANCER (June 21–July 22) You can expect others to watch you faithfully throughout the day as you attempt to accomplish something that others have only imagined.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have the answer, but you may not know it just yet. Soon, you'll realize that you're sitting pretty right now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be playing your trade even during your time off — by making plans and looking forward to a coming opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A comedy of sorts is likely to form as a result of mistaken identity — and your own confusion over what is really going on not far from home.

Letters

Rant to Metro, Not Express

I'M GROWING WEARY of the hoards of people who use this section to vent about Metro. As a native Washingtonian and longtime Metro rider, I admit it has problems. Still, I can also see that it's much better than

some of the other U.S. transit systems. But unless I'm missing something, Express is not the Metro complaint department. It seems people have nothing better to do than rant about Metro. If that's the case, start a blog. However, if you'd like to do more than just complain, and have your concerns addressed, contact Metro.

—CHARISMA WILLIAMS
Washington, D.C.

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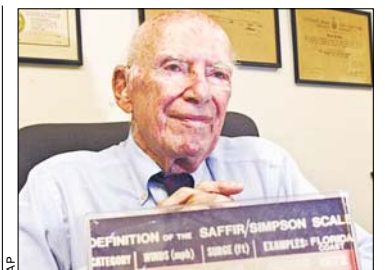
Today in History

1922 Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate.

1967 President Johnson signs the Air Quality Act.

1973 President Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, reveals the existence of an 18½-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

2003 Health officials say a deadly outbreak of hepatitis A at a Chi-Chi's Mexican restaurant in suburban Pittsburgh



Herbert Saffir died on this day in 2007.

was probably caused by green onions from Mexico.

2007 Engineer Herbert Saffir, who created the five-category system used to describe hurricane strength, dies at age 90.

LOOK

out

People



Wow, Congo looks like my hat visor!!

HUSBANDS

Unfettered by Spouse's Stalker, Actor Roams Wild

BEN AFFLECK is talking to children and aid officials in refugee camps in war-torn Congo in an effort to raise awareness of the conflict that has displaced at least 250,000 people. The actor has visited the country four times since 2007. (AP)

TOURS

'Where in the World Isn't Ann Curry' Makes First Stop



The "Today" show's **ANN CURRY** didn't make it to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro. Altitude sickness and forbidding weather forced the NBC morning show's crew to stop about 3,000 feet short of the summit. (AP)



COUPLES

Benji Checks Out of Hilton

PARIS HILTON and her boyfriend of nine months, **BENJI MADDEN**, have broken up. Hilton publicist Alanna McCarthy said Wednesday that the two "remain very good friends." She would not reveal more. (AP)



WIVES

Freshly Unstalked Wife Sends Husband To Congo

JENNIFER GARNER has won a restraining order from a man she says has been stalking her for years. An attorney for Garner appeared in a Los Angeles courtroom Thursday and won three years of protection for Garner, her husband, Ben

[Insert large forehead joke here, please.]

Affleck and their daughter, Violet. Garner petitioned for protection from Steven Burky, who she says has been harassing her since 2002. Garner wrote in a statement that she believed Burky's "obsessive, threatening and stalking behavior" posed a threat. (AP)

MEASUREMENTS

Passive-Aggressive Needle Flies off Gauge

While she never mentioned Rosie O'Donnell by name, it was clear who **BARBARA WALTERS** was referring to when she opened Thursday's show by complaining about "some people who have done this show" who



criticize the daytime gabfest after leaving. Walters said some former hosts feel the need "to dump on it, maybe for their own publicity." She added: "That not only hurts me, but I resent it." (AP)

JOURNALISM

16 Couples to Be Mercilessly Stalked by British Tabloids

A judge will likely grant **MADONNA** and **GUY RITCHIE** an initial divorce decree Friday. The court lists the couple as one of 17 cases for "matrimonial and civil partnership causes for pronouncement of decree." That means a judge is to grant the couple a preliminary divorce decree. (AP)

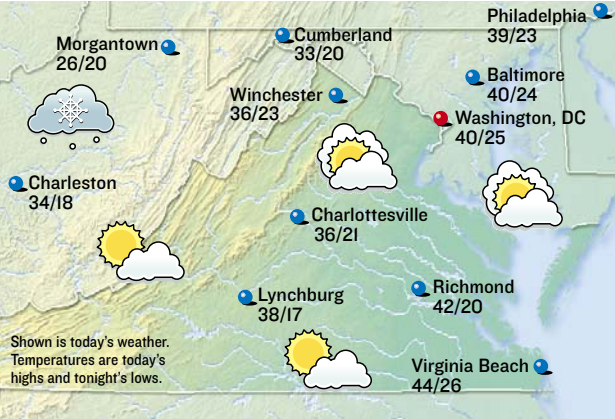


The blond cougar flaunts its fresh kill.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Variably cloudy, flurries	Partly cloudy, windy, cold	Partly sunny, windy, cold	Partly sunny, not as cold	Mostly cloudy, showers possible	Mostly cloudy, rain possible
40°	25°	38° / 28°	45° / 33°	47° / 38°	47° / 31°

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High 47°

Low 35°

Normal high 56°

Normal low 39°

Average humidity 44%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"

Month to date 1.61"

Normal month to date 2.03"

Year to date 42.70"

Last year to date 29.54"

Normal year to date 35.41"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtontimes.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, flurries, windy. High 40. Wind north-northwest at 12-25 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, windy. Low 25.

Sun and Moon

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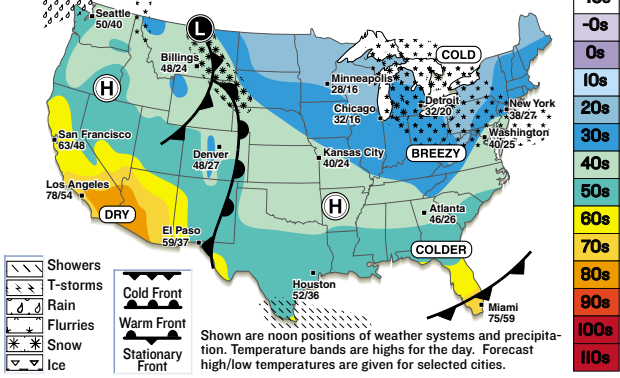
Sunset tonight 4:50 p.m.

Moonrise today 1:00 a.m.

Moonset today 1:30 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, November 21



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	46/26/s	53/31/s
Boston	36/25/pc	38/25/pc
Chicago	32/16/s	38/25/pc
Dallas	50/36/pc	56/48/pc
Denver	48/27/s	56/26/s
Honolulu	79/71/r	81/72/r
Los Angeles	78/54/pc	78/54/pc
Miami	75/59/s	74/63/pc
New York City	38/27/sf	38/27/pc
Orlando	66/45/s	68/49/s
Seattle	50/40/c	48/38/r

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	48/37/sh	43/36/sh
Athens	67/54/s	68/52/r
Berlin	39/28/r	34/27/sn
Buenos Aires	82/68/s	86/72/s
Calgary	40/21/c	38/18/c
Dublin	48/39/pc	46/37/pc
Geneva	47/32/r	33/27/sf
Moscow	34/28/sf	37/30/r
Rome	61/50/sh	55/39/c
Sydney	79/61/s	68/52/r
Tokyo	59/50/pc	59/48/pc

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2 Alternative word

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FROM A TEENY PHONE AND
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face^{QA}time

■ **Just call it** the anti-Zappos. Every season, Kassie Rempel combs through the options to build a perfectly pared-down selection of shoes for her SimplySoles catalog, online store and — as of this month — new eco-friendly Columbia Heights shop (1438 Park Road NW, 800-909-3679; Simplysoles.com). The mom of two dishes on her sole passion.

How did you get so into shoes?

I'm a CPA by trade, so in my former professional career, I was surrounded by a lot of black, gray and navy suits. My interest in fashion really came from my inability to express myself. In the accounting field, even color was a little risqué. It became a running joke over how many pairs of black shoes I owned.

How many did you own?

At least 25 pairs. It was a little ridiculous, but it helped develop this incredible passion/obsession with shoes.

How did you make the move from major shopper to store owner?

In 2003, I started thinking about opening a shoe boutique but decided I'd prefer to do it online and in a cat-

alog, because that's how I shopped. I was still working, and I just didn't have the time to get in my car, fight traffic and figure out parking to go shopping. I knew I didn't want to create something that I didn't want to shop from.

It sounds like a big career change.

Our first catalog was mailed in September 2004. I ran the business from my dining room — I had a 1-800 number, a tape gun and shoes lining every wall. People would call to order, and my dog would be barking in the background.

Your selection is nicely limited.

It is intentionally very carefully edited. What I look for are unique styles — shoes that speak to you on some emotional level.



Kassie Rempel

ENTREPRENEUR, ECO-LOVER, SHOE FIEND

You have so many standout styles.

One thing we do that's different is our exclusive items. We work directly with lines like Claudia Ciuti and Missoni to create items that can only be bought from us. It's our chance to offer something rare.

And to not have to scroll through thousands of shoes to find it.

We are intentionally not Zappos. I

don't like shopping like that; it's not enjoyable. I feel in some ways that we are personal shoe shoppers.

You also help design your own line.

Our own Lillybee line was created for customers who were looking for something whimsical and a little bit younger. It's great because I can see what's missing out there and work to create it.

"I ran the business from my dining room; I had a 1-800 number and a tape gun."

What have become some of your most popular brands?

Bettye Muller, because of her fresh approach. And also Chie Mihara — it's not a comfort brand, but they're very comfortable. I have 95-year-old women who order them.

How many shoes do you now own?

Not enough! Somehow, every day, I look in my closet and say, "I don't have a single pair to wear," which fosters my passion all the more.

C'mon. Can you give us a number?

For the sake of preserving the relationship with my husband, I'm going to say I have no comment. There are shoes tucked into corners of my house that he has not yet identified.

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A Wheel Menagerie

3 **FLOPPING ONTO A WET** bicycle seat is about as fun — and hygienic — as pulling on a sopping swimsuit. Shield your Schwinn from rain or snow (or just give it a zoo-like vibe) with one of Tito Ahmels' nylon seat covers (\$15, Greenergrassdesign.com). Floppy-eared styles include a cow (shown), a wolf and, our fave, a cheerful goat. But don't leave your animal-charmed bike in a public space: You'll soon be posting "lost pet" notices.

Grab Bag



Meow Fix

GLAM KITTENS CAN help save cats with the purchase of Chantecaille's White Tiger pressed powder (pictured, \$85, Neiman Marcus) and Le Tigre Bengali bronzer (\$85). Both gleaming compacts provide shine-free coverage that's more glowy than glittery. Traffic, an Indian agency that monitors tigers and their habitats, receives 5 percent of the profits. A future in which stripes are solid looks good to us.



4 The Bone Wars

FIGHTING OVER the Thanksgiving wish-bone may be your family's annual tradition. But don't feel too bad if you can't wrestle it away from your sister this year. A backup plan: Buy this delicate charm necklace from local jewelry line Mija (\$62, Mijajewelry.com). The 18-karat gold-plated, fingernail-sized charm and chain, also available in silver, is infinitely prettier than a gross turkey bone anyway.



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ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I've taken a job as a waitress to help me through the tough economy. I've been searching for some good, inexpensive shoes for work. I was hoping to find platforms that would keep my peds comfy and still give me two or three inches of height. — DENISE

■ Manolo says, it is no secret that the times are tougher than they were the mere months ago, back in the early to mid-late 2000s, when the designer water flowed like wine and we were



consumed with the trivial travails of such emblematic frivolities as Paris Hilton and Tinkerbell. Then, just like that, the New Age of Seriousness, and the second jobs that accompany it, were thrust upon us by doleful economic circumstances.

Naturally, the Manolo sympathizes with the newly impoverished, for he knows what it is like to be so poor that you must fashion your own Depression-era, Brother-Can-You-Spare-the-Dime work boots out of potato peelings, chicken bones, and cigarette butts you have spirited home from your job as the dishwasher, dried in your closet and then woven into shape. Look, here is the Drew Mary Jane from Dr. Martens (\$95, Zappos.com) — comfortable, tough and cute, all for under \$100.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

Buzz With Bite

MIXOLOGISTS AT the likes of Central, EatBar and Rasika are bewitched by Domaine de Canton (\$30, Cairo Wine & Liquor, 1618 17th St. NW; 202-387-1500), a not-too-sweet ginger and cognac liqueur. These hip barkeeps are blending the new, crisp potion into highballs. At home, it brings a worldly edge to rum or champagne.



5 Sweater Setup

DESIGNER COLLABORATIONS with big-box stores pop up faster than you can say, "Comme des Garçons for H&M." But we're still excited that New York's luxe knitwear line Lutz & Patmos — known for fashionable cashmere and wool sweaters — has teamed up with West Elm to create a line of chunky hand-knit throws and pillow covers (\$39-\$89, Westelm.com) perfect for cold-night snuggling. Pass the cocoa, please.

*** event horizon**

→ Party planning means sampling at Wagshal's catering open house on Nov. 30. \$10 donation, 6-8:30 p.m., 4845 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-363-0884.

A Bite in Old Spain

Flights to Madrid's Barajas Airport from D.C. top \$1,000. But foodies eager for a taste of the cuisine of the moment can harvest three new cookbooks from bold-face names eager to transport diners. We pored through the stack and now dream only of blood-red Tempranillo, a tumble of Aragon olives and Garrotxa cheese. **KATE GIBBS (EXPRESS)**

JOSE ANDRES



→ **BOOK:** "Made in Spain: Spanish Dishes for an American Kitchen" by Jose Andres (\$35, Clarkson Potter)
→ **LOCAL HERO:** Co-author Richard Wolfe, Newsweek's

White House reporter and a close friend of the chef, keeps this endeavor at home in D.C.

→ **THE SCOOP:** In a companion to his PBS series, Andres emphasizes regional classics (100 recipes) but OKs New World substitutions. Phew!

→ **WE'LL BE FIXING:** Olive oil pancakes; beef tenderloin with Picon cheese; cherries cured as olives. Consume it with a shot of sherry.

→ **MOST DAUNTING DISH:** Squid fried with its ink turns calamari the off-putting color of a crow.

→ **AUTHOR OVER-SHARE:** Andres claims to mix "the best gin and tonics in America."

→ **GREAT GIFT FOR:** Home cooks dreaming of trading backyard burger spatulas for paella pans or foodies hungry for a taste of new Europe

→ **FOOD PORN RATING:** R for Reservations. Make one for Cafe Atlantico or the six-seat Minibar for an immediate taste of Andres' vittles. Jaleo, his casual trio of tapas bars, are walk-in only. A few recipes are conceptually challenging (making foams, reviving salt cod), so how-to photos would be great, but that's why he made the TV show.

FERRAN ADRIA

A Day at elBulli
An insight into the ideas, methods and creativity of Ferran Adria

→ **BOOK:** "A Day at El Bulli" by Ferran Adria (\$50, Phaidon)

→ **FAME FACTOR:** Perhaps the world's most lauded restaurant, El Bulli seats 8,000 guests a year despite 2 million requests for its

menuless 30-course meals. The 2 pound tome is the only way to, in a way, score a same-day table.

→ **THE SCOOP:** This treatise on molecular gastronomy (foams, sous vide) blends art photography, menus, maps and wine lists with riffs on creativity. Yet in its whopping 600 pages, you'll get only 30 (complicated) recipes.

→ **WE'LL BE FIXING:** Cantaloupe juice with black pepper; walnuts in five-spice confit.

→ **MOST DAUNTING DISH:** Everything else. But the secrets of sous-vide tandoori chicken wings, black olive "Oreo" cookies and chocolate air are fun to read about.

→ **AUTHOR OVER-SHARE:** He aims to please all five senses, and the "sixth," memory.

→ **GREAT GIFT FOR:** Chemists, cooks and art lovers. Adria is Escoffier with an iTouch.

→ **FOOD PORN RATING:** X for Xantana, the fermented starch Adria developed to suspend solids in liquids for signature and eye-popping offerings like micro-melon balls rising in ham consommé, suggesting champagne bubbles.

MARIO BATALI



→ **BOOK:** "Spain: A Culinary Road Trip" by Mario Batali (\$35, Ecco)

→ **CELEB SIDEKICK:** Travel companion Gwyneth Paltrow. Still, what self-respecting, pork-mad chef can praise the "faultless palate" of an amiga who won't touch jamon?

→ **THE SCOOP:** What-I-did-on-my-summer-vacation-with-famous-friends penned by an American mega-chef (384 pages, 70 recipes).

→ **WE'LL BE FIXING:** Torrijas (French toast soaked in wine), stewed beans and a six-hour roasted chicken that can be prepared in 15 min.

→ **MOST DAUNTING DISH:** Roast suckling pig has four ingredients, but one is "1/4 pound high-quality lard, melted." Far too messy (and too Wilbur-y) to attempt chez nous.

→ **AUTHOR OVER-SHARE:** Beef jerky is Batali's favorite road food; Gwynny likes PayDay bars.

→ **GREAT GIFT FOR:** Gwyneth Paltrow. Snips of table conversation are fun only for those who were present. "Remember when you were, like, ..."

→ **FOOD PORN FACTOR:** PG for pretty Gwyneth and pretty good. This is a cheery travelogue. The recipes are warmly written and straightforward, but there's not enough there. Sure, Michael Stipe's cameo is fun, but it all comes off as Facebook, the platinum edition.

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TECH GUIDE

2008

This year, small and retro is the new black. OK, so that's a bit of a mouthful, but our picks for 2008's hottest tech gifts seem to have one thing in common: They're teeny. Check out the slim MacBooks, mini (we mean paperback book-size) Eee PCs, the printer that's smaller than a bread box and more. You'll find gizmos here for gearheads and casual tech users alike — Mom can finally get her e-mail on the go, while your brother can turn his commute into a video game with the oddly named PLX Kiwi, which tracks a car's miles per gallon directly from the diagnostic port. Futuristic! Last, it's not a tech guide without some sweet toys, so we rounded up the porkiest iPod dock we could find and a new, updated-for-the-millennium version of the '80s classic Lazer Tag. Get the latter for your favorite kid (or childish adult), and watch the holiday light show fly. **EXPRESS**

**RANGE ROVER**

The Cell Ranger (\$150, Getcellranger.com) boosts your signal when you're short on bars. The one here attaches to your car antenna for rural drives; another USB version could work in basement apartments.

MINI AND MIGHTY

Teeny Pico D USB drives (\$23, Newegg.com) from Super Talent fit on a key chain and hold up to 8 GB of docs and tunes. Just don't lose the itty bitty thing; it's just 1.5 inches tall!

**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

CrackBerry addicts will turn up their noses at the tiny Peek (\$79.95 plus \$19.95 monthly fee, Getpeek.com), but we bet Mom would love a way to get her e-mail on the go and still keep her pink Razr.

GAS PERFECT

The PLX Kiwi (\$300, PLXKiwi.com) plugs into your car's diagnostic computer to track fuel efficiency on a detailed level, making it easier to save the planet.



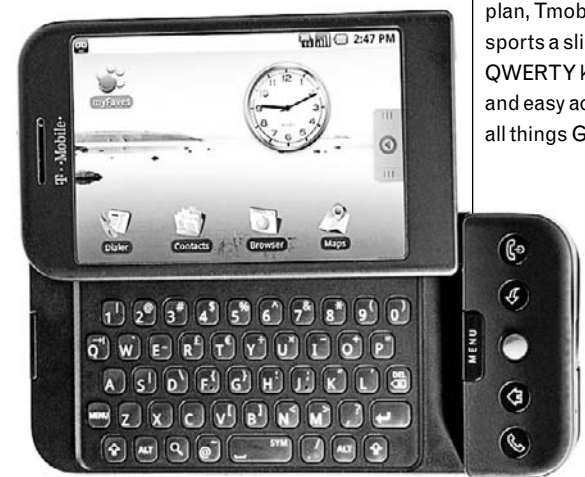
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**IN THE QUICK OF THINGS**

Get wireless Internet access without having to hide the router. Linksys' WRT610N (\$200, Amazon.com) is easy on the eyes and has dual-band 802.11N frequencies — in English, that means fast (\$199.99, Amazon).

IN THE KEY OF COOL

The T-Mobile G1 (\$179 with two-year plan, Tmobile.com) sports a slide-out QWERTY keyboard and easy access to all things Google.



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PORKY THE POD

The iPig (\$140, Speakal.com) dock turns that suave status symbol in your pocket into a big joke. We suggest loading your iPod with the proper music, say, the Bacon Brothers.



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TIVO FOR RADIO

The portable Xmp3 from Pioneer (\$250, XMRadio.com/xmp3) will record up to five XM stations at once and play back MP3s from portable media. You can listen to Howard Stern and record Oprah for later!

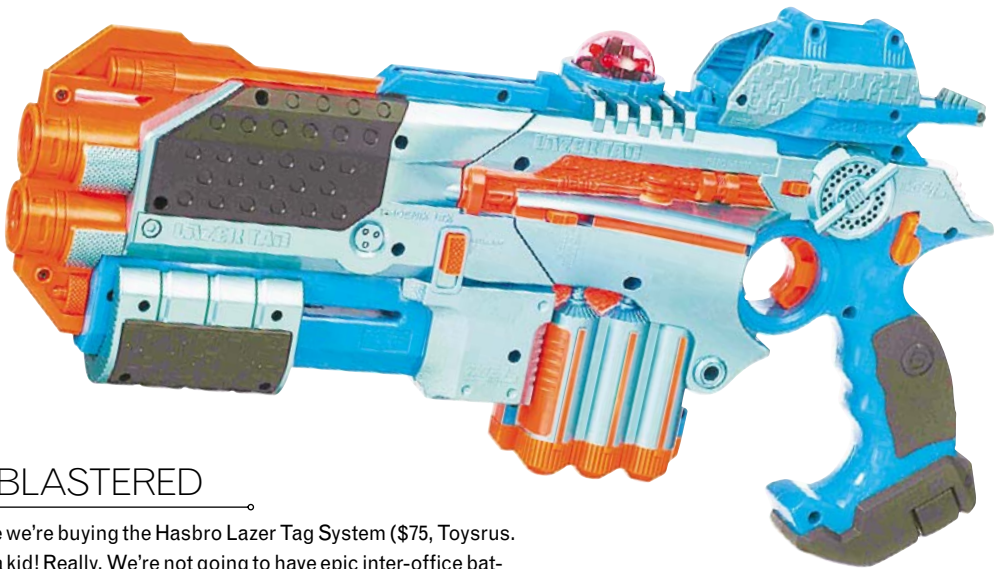


SMALL FAVORITE

Ditch the bulky tower! If a desktop comp try the paperback book-size Eee Box from at Amazon.com), which for only \$300 p features.

GET BLASTERED

Of course we're buying the Hasbro Lazer Tag System (\$75, Toysrus.com) for a kid! Really. We're not going to have epic inter-office battles between the accounting department and human resources.



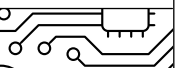
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SHARP FOCUS

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HOT SNAPSHOT

Epson's new all-in-one Artisan 700 printer (\$200, Epson.com) features two paper trays (one for photo, one for text), Wi-Fi and a sleek black design that's less than 8 inches tall. Plus, it churns out text pages at an amazing 38 pages per minute!



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BOOKS

Fashion Sleek

■ What's it really like to be a designer? Picture piles of fabrics, smudgy sketches, bleary eyes, late nights and a starlet's Chiclets-white grin as she models a creation for the camera. That's the behind-the-scenes glimpse of **NARCISO RODRIGUEZ** (\$75, Rizzoli), which offers a photographic portrait of the designer's wildly successful rise, starting with his breakout as Carolyn Bessette Kennedy's wedding dress designer. Images range from frenetic to fashiony — a little bit of art imitating life, we suspect. **BETSY LOWTHER** (EXPRESS)

BOOKS

Turning to Fold



■ Origami fish and cranes are OK for kids. But you're a grown-up gal, and author Cindy Ng thinks you must do **GIRLIGAMI** (\$17, Watson-Guptill). Her book — loaded with tearable sheets of colorful paper — suggests frothy, fold-it-yourself projects like a cupcake, a frock (shown) and a sickly sweet puppy. Still, the origami stiletto we tried to fold ended up looking like a crumpled wad of rubbish. Does that make us less of a woman? J.B.

Everything Old Is Shoe

For truly retro style, slip into a pair of vintage flats or wedges

When the National Museum of American History reopens Friday, we don't advocate breaking the glass and trying on the 1930s ruby slippers Judy Garland wore to play Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz." But one glance at the sequined babies drives home how glamorous shoes from past decades can be.

And while Dorothy's sparkly pair might fetch hundreds of thousands of dollars at auction, you can often score a pair of slouchy 1980s boots, 1960s mod flats or another piece of wearable history for less than it would cost to buy a DVD of the yellow brick road-walking classic.

"Shoes are an untapped part of the resale market, so they can often be quite cheap to buy," says Caroline Cox, professor of cultural history at the University of the Arts London and author of the new "Vintage Shoes: Collecting and Wearing 20th-Century Designer Footwear" (\$40, Collins Design).

"Buying vintage shoes is a way of standing out and getting something that's better quality than you could find at the mall," says Katerina Herodotou, whose Listopad pop-up store at Mercedes Bien (2423 18th St. NW) traffics in 1960s saddle pumps, disco-era knee boots and the occasional pair of 1980s high tops. "There's a demand for the stuff, boots in particular."

Desirable styles — many riffed on by modern designers from Christian Louboutin to Nine West — change with the winds of fashion and at the whim of the wearer. Eisenhower-era pumps — higher than their footwear forbearers, thanks to the invention of the steel-enforced stiletto — sell well now, thanks to "Mad Men." Chunky-heeled 1940s platforms and 1980s cone heels mimic the current passion for clunky statement shoes.

"Many shoes you see at the mall look like vintage ones," says Susan Collings, owner of Takoma Park's



WEDGE ISSUE: Carmen Miranda with her collection of sky-high wedges, circa 1944.

Polly Sue's Vintage Shop (6915 Laurel Ave., 301-270-5511). "That's ultimately what makes the real ones popular."

Still, sticking your tootsies into, well, used footwear, isn't without a certain ick factor. "Unlike many vintage items, shoes literally have the imprint of the former wearer," says Cox. "There used to be folktales about what you could get from them, all sorts of horrible diseases."

To avoid any fungus-among-us paranoia, Cox suggests putting new insoles in your old T-straps or those Mary Janes Grandma once wore. You can also seek out so-called "dead stock," aka never-worn pairs. Vintagevixen.com carries a wide range of styles from various eras: flapper-era lace-ups in black suede (\$65), cobalt blue suede 1950s stilettos (\$34).

At Takoma Park's Moonshadow Vintage (7000-C Carroll Ave., 301-270-8775), owner Karen Leeman carries a few pairs of fresh-from-a-long-closed-factory 1960s pumps



A flapper eyes "shoe jewels," aka buckles, which can now be bought on eBay.

(red velvet stilettos, silver mock alligator mid-heels) by Joseph La Rose, a Florida designer beloved by Joan Crawford and Marilyn Monroe. "I didn't do shoes before, because I like to stock clean, beautiful things," says Leeman. "But these are pristine, so people are more comfortable buying them."

Good spots to literally step back in time include both brick-and-mor-

tar and online vintage boutiques. Locally, Annie Creamcheese (3279 M St. NW; 202-298-5555), boasts loads of mid-century cowboy boots; Polly Sue's showcases well-priced styles from the 1940s through the 1960s, including, on a recent visit, killer World War II-era silver evening sandals (\$50) fit for dancing to MIA or the Andrews Sisters. Online, eBay brims with out-of-the-past footwear, and Tangerineboutique.com hawks pumps et al by size.

"Shoes are an untapped part of the market, so they can be cheap."

Still, before you fall in love with a pair of 1940s wedges that would make Carmen Miranda swoon, keep a few things in mind. One, "you don't want to buy something that doesn't fit properly," says Cox. "If you're buying shoes sight unseen, you'll need to get the vendor to measure them." Also, don't be surprised by the glut of teeny-tiny shoes. "The further you get into the past, the smaller the sizes," says Leeman, pointing to a pair of Gatsby-era slippers in her shop that seem as though only fit only an American Girl doll. And assess any pair you covet for heavy wear and aging — worn soles, missing heel caps, fraying velvet. "Bear in mind that some people don't even wear their vintage shoes," says Cox. "They simply display them around the home, like beautiful objects."

But, really, while we respect the idea of keeping rare slippers under glass, it's more fun to take a pair of old-yet-lovely shoes out for a walk or a night on the dance floor. "Maybe, if you're going to wear a really precious pair, don't wear them for long," says Cox. "Take them to a party in your bag, and then change into them once you get there."

Which is what most fashionistas do with their best Jimmy Choos anyway. **JENNIFER BARGER** (EXPRESS)

* **event horizon**

→ Runway models and Redskins cheerleaders strut for charity at Fashion Forward. \$50-\$60. Nov. 21, 7-11 p.m. Shadow Room, 2131 K St. NW; Hoopdreams.org.



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No Fowl Ideas for T-Day

A nicely browned Butterball may spell Turkey Day bliss for many Americans. But for vegetarians and vegans, a long-cooked gobbler isn't an option. So, how do you whip up a feast (or a dish or two, at least) that'll please pals who shun giblets et al? We got tips from give-up-the-flesh crusaders Isa Moskowitz and Terry Hope Romero, whose public-access TV show "The Post Punk Kitchen" (Theppk.com) and cookbook ("Veganomicon") — demonstrate that creamy cupcakes, decadent Italian food and hearty casseroles can kick butt even sans butter. **ERIN HARTIGAN**



that's obviously meat is not the way to go, but you should do something impressive. This is the time of year to spend three hours on a dish. Go for dishes that taste and look good. Don't be shy with oil and sugar. This is not the time to do steamed kale. Do something fun and crazy like tamales.

Is there a quintessential holiday dish for those who don't eat meat?

TERRY HOPE ROMERO: A beautiful, savory pot pie decorated with pastry leaves will knock your socks off and be a beautiful centerpiece.

ISA MOSKOWITZ: The stuffing. I start with my own corn bread and make my own vegan sausages. You could do apples, pears, toasted pecans or walnuts and fresh herbs.



Tofurkey won't impress meat-eaters then?

IM: No! It's fine if you're eating with your friends who are already vegan, but I wouldn't do that on the holidays. In a post-Thanksgiving sandwich, maybe.

What's for dessert, then?

IM: The traditional stuff is easy to veganize: apple pie, pumpkin pie, sweet potato or pecan. Apples are great to throw into a gigantic crisp that is beautiful and will please meat-eaters.

THR: Homemade ice creams are a great thing this time of year. A coconut-based ice cream would go great with a beautiful pie.

Any dish you miss at the holidays?

IM: I never miss meat. It's funny when people think that vegans are deprived. I don't like the look of a big bird on a table, and I wouldn't think of adding cream to my potatoes. I make mashed potatoes with olive oil and roasted garlic.

How do you avoid disasters at the omnivore's table?

THR: Talk to your hosts and explain what you do and don't eat. Set aside mashed potatoes before butter is added, and dress green beans with olive oil rather than bacon grease. If all else fails, eat a big breakfast.

What's the secret to convincing omnivores that vegan food can be delish?

THR: Don't go for fake meats. Trying too hard to emulate something

Any other holiday secrets?

IM: The secret weapon for anybody is gravy. As long as the gravy is good, the holidays are good. Meat-eaters are always messing up their gravy, but my vegan gravy goes first at omnivore potlucks.

THR: Don't put tofu in pumpkin pie. I can taste the tofu a mile away. The secret to a great vegan pumpkin pie is a soy milk base and the other normal spices and ingredients.

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* BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS



Steve Marcell, Kristin Schrader

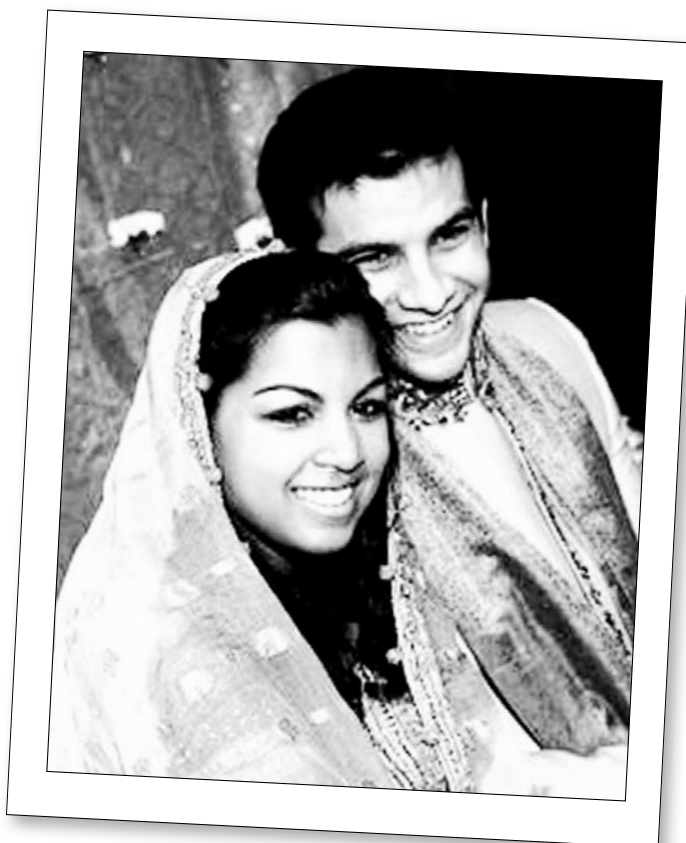
Steve, 31 is a project controls consultant. Kristin, 30, is a communications director. They live in the District.

■ **The Main Event:** A Nov. 22 semi-formal ceremony in the planetarium at the Franklin Institute Museum in Philadelphia. The reception will be held in Franklin Hall, where guests will be free to walk through the giant human heart biology exhibit during cocktail hour, and dance next to a large marble statue of Benjamin Franklin after dinner.

■ **How They Met:** Via mutual friends during happy hour at Capitol Lounge.
 ■ **First Date:** Dinner at Sweetwater Tavern in Merrifield, Va.
 ■ **How He Proposed:** During a weekend getaway at an inn in Maryland, Steve coordinated an unforgettable evening. After a sunset boat cruise and romantic dinner, Steve took Kristin to a gazebo decorated with torches and containing champagne and chocolate-covered strawberries. Kristin recalls, "We admired the lovely full moon over the water. As we were laughing about one of our memories, Steve got on one knee and asked me if I was ready to be with him forever. ... I, of course, said yes!"

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** Gift bags will include Philly treats such as Tastykakes and Bucks County Coffee Co. samples. At the reception, the waiters will be serving mini-Philly cheesesteaks.

"Down on one knee, he asked if I was ready to be with him forever."

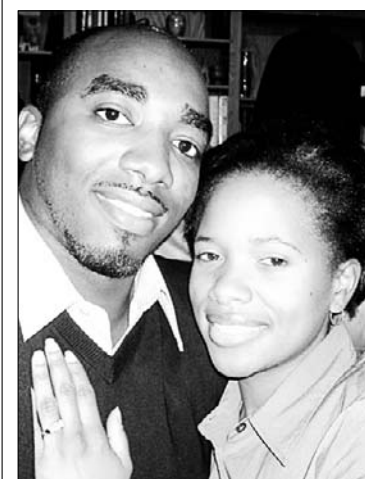


Mix Masters

On Oct. 18, **ALIYA ALTAFULLAH** and **JUSTIN RINALDI**, both 24, had the fusion wedding of their dreams. In a formal nikkah ceremony in front of 260 guests at the Westfields Marriott hotel in Chantilly, the bride and groom celebrated their union. Aliya wore a handmade gold lehnga that she designed with her mother, and walked down the aisle to traditional Indian sitar music. The bridesmaids wore purple lehngas with gold embossing. Western elements were also incorporated into the celebration, including a ring exchange and a bridal party.

They've been together since they were freshmen at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va. After meeting in a public speaking class, they realized that they had grown up in Northern Virginia, attended rival high schools and even had mutual friends.

For their honeymoon, the newlyweds went on a cruise through Italy, Greece and Turkey. Justin is a business analyst for Mobile Satellite Ventures, and Aliya is a producer for the Discovery Channel. They live in Arlington. **TAMAR HALLERMAN**



Shannon Brown, Anthony Harris

Shannon, 27, works in physical therapy at a nursing and rehabilitation center. Anthony, 25, works in sales for Ferguson. They live in Woodbridge, Va.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal ceremony on Nov. 22 at Anthony's home church in D.C.

■ **How They Met:** As undergrads at Elon University in North Carolina. Shannon helped Anthony find his way when he was lost in the student center.

■ **First Date:** As struggling college students, they went to McDonald's and even paid Dutch.

■ **How He Proposed:** Anthony discussed his plan with Shannon's dad a few days before his proposal. Then, on Christmas Day, her dad captured the whole proposal on video after they opened presents.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** Anthony's "small butt jeans."

■ **Honeymoon:** A cruise in the Eastern Caribbean, with stops in the Bahamas, St. Maarten, St. Thomas and Grand Turk.

■ **Mmm, Cake:** A four-tier yellow cake with butter-rum pineapple filling and buttercream frosting.



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COOK'S NOOK: Bethesda's Nick Koutsias makes the most of his narrow kitchen.

Less Fuss, More Feast

Tiny kitchen? Cut down on clutter to host a successful holiday shindig

For any foodie with a condo, fridge space is non-negotiable, kitchen ranges are king, and counter tops are at a premium. Some lucky condo dwellers score eat-in kitchens, but the rest of us tread lightly as we prepare holiday feasts, hoping we won't set ourselves — or Aunt Muriel — aflame. Never fear, epicureans! We bring you top tips sure to keep your meals sizzling this holiday season.

Picture this: Chestnuts roasting on an open fire (you're one of the lucky ones with gas burners), Jack Frost nipping at your nose (well, Jack Daniel's, but who's keeping track?). Your friends have gathered in your kitchen to help you out with the big meal — but the guy in charge of the stuffing suddenly catches fire.

This nightmare scenario really happened to Nick Koutsias, 35, whose Bethesda condo features

an 11-by-7-foot kitchen. At a get-together, his friend "leaned back against what he thought was counter space but was really the stove," Koutsias says. "There were four or five of us hanging outside the kitchen and he walked out and said, 'I'm on fire. ... Don't just stand there, do something!'" Koutsias stamped out the fire, and his friend was fine.

Think creatively about alternative work spaces. Slice cheese on your breakfast bar or coffee table.

Fortunately, Koutsias, a research specialist at Marketresearch.com, and his wife, Katherine, 32, a supply specialist for home appliance parts supplier Totalline, usually deal with more mundane kitchen issues, like space constraints.

When cooking on a large scale, "the biggest problem is both my wife

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Decluttering counters and keeping things organized are keys to survival in a cramped kitchen. These pieces are eye-catching and space-saving, so you'll have more room to celebrate this winter.



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and I getting involved,” Koutsias says. “We have basically one section of counter space and one corner spot. We have a shelving unit ... and sometimes use the bottom [of it] for preparation.” Problems occur when they try to use the sink or oven at the same time, he says.

But the husband-and-wife team have developed routines for coping with their kitchen’s limitations. “For the most part, we try to do the prep stuff first, so that, say, I’ll start prepping things for the sauce — I’ll chop the vegetables — and I’ll start cooking it. Then my wife will start preparing side dishes — cutting tomatoes for the salad or cleaning the rice,” he says.

Koutsias’ counter top deficit is actually the prime condo kitchen problem, says Jan Schneider, 43, an interior decorator who owns the Arlington-based business NoVa Design (j.a.schneider@live.com). Although kitchens come in a variety of shapes and sizes, Schneider

(unlike many other pricey condo upgrades).

And don’t waste your precious counter top space by displaying unnecessary accoutrements. “Toaster, toaster oven, fine,” Schneider says. “But unless you’re making a smoothie every morning, put away the blender. Wine racks are another giant space consumer, and

people put them on their kitchen counters.”

Instead, put your wine rack on top of your fridge, if you can, or consider using floor space for stackable wine racks or a freestanding wine-and-stemware rack — you can put bottles of liquor on the top, hang wine glasses from the rack and store bottles on the inside. Schneider also

suggests making empty wall space work for you with wall-mounted bottle or stemware racks.

But if new appliances, kitchen furniture or DIY fixtures aren’t in the cards, Schneider suggests thinking creatively about alternative work spaces. “If you have a breakfast bar, use it! A desk? A coffee table? Maybe you don’t want to chop steak

in the middle of your living room, but you could slice cheese for your cheese plate.”

Chef-turned-real-estate-agent Dave Marchienne, 52, of Alexandria suggests that condo cooks undertaking a large holiday meal make time management a priority. “Remember your mom waking up at 4 a.m. to

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“Rome was not built in a day and your holiday meal shouldn’t be, either.”

DAVE MARCHIENNE, FORMER CHEF

says the L-shaped kitchen with a breakfast bar is one of the most common. This blueprint is often built into a corner of the condo and consists of two perpendicular counter tops.

“The problem is that the stove and the sink take up some of this space, too,” Schneider says. “What you’re left with is small chunks of counter space that don’t give you a lot to work with.” If you’re in the market for a new stove, you might be able to score a few more square feet of prep space by purchasing an electric induction cooktop, which doesn’t have burners and can double as a counter top before you start cooking.

Other options for those who want yet more space, says Schneider, include purchasing a kitchen work table, island, cart or butcher block — freestanding surfaces on legs or wheels that provide extra storage and surfaces. Though they can cost anywhere from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars, these babies will come with you when you sell

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HANGING OUT: Mount a magnetic knife-holder on the wall to free up counter space.

Kitchen Coping

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start her holiday cooking?" Marchienne asks. "Don't do it. Rome was not built in a day and your holiday meal shouldn't be either."

Marchienne suggests figuring out which dishes need to be cooked the day of the event and which can be prepared in advance. "Turkey will taste best when freshly cooked, but vegetables, stuffing and apple pie can be made a few days in advance," he says.

But if you really want to do all your cooking on the big day, Marchienne recommends doing prep work far ahead of time. "Once you stick the turkey in the oven or throw the brussels sprouts into the pot, all you really have to do is check on them occasionally. The real work is the chopping and the julienning."

Consider slicing veggies early and storing them in plastic containers, Marchienne says. And don't do prep work for individual recipes. If you're using onions in three different dishes, chop a bunch of them at once, rather than tearing up multiple times. If you accidentally prepare more than you need, don't worry — you can use them the next time you cook.

Kathy Stanton, 32, of Rockville — an organization specialist, entrepreneur and founder of

a small company called Spic-n-Span (Spic.n.span.md@gmail.com) — recommends that condo cooks think very carefully about their cooking implements. This is especially important, she says, with huge undertakings like holiday meals.

"If you aren't going to make a turkey or a roast more than once or twice a year, don't invest in a roasting pan," Stanton says, adding that storing the piece usually takes up too much precious space in condos. "Just pick up a disposable foil one while doing the groceries," says Stanton.

“A large bowl is great. Use it for anything: a colorful salad, a trifle, a bread basket.”

KATHY STANTON, SPIC-N-SPAN

If you need to buy a new piece of cookware, look for something that will multitask, Stanton recommends.

"What can the contents of your kitchen do for you? Do you really need a 12-inch sauté pan and a 10-inch omelet pan? Or an 8-quart pot and a Dutch oven?" she asks.

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MAN WHO PLANS: Nick Koutsias and his wife, Katherine, divvy up cooking tasks.

Consider how your pots and pans can do double duty. "If you buy a 12-inch sauté pan, nothing's stopping you from making an omelet in it."

Think about how often you cook and what you cook. "If you're not making a huge vat of soup once a week, you probably don't need one of those stockpots so big you can't fit it in a cabinet," she says. Stanton says essential pieces include a large skillet, a smaller skillet, a large pot, a smaller pot and a good chef's knife. "More than anything, you'll appreciate having a good knife. The chopping and mincing will be that much easier," she says.

For servingware, too, Stanton says less is more. "You don't need a casserole pan and an asparagus platter and a veggie bowl," she says. "You can always go rustic and serve a dish in the pot you made it in."

Purchasing a large bowl and several flat platters will make your life easier. "A large bowl is great. Get one in glass and you can use it for anything: a colorful salad, a trifle, a bread basket."

Have rarely used martini or margarita glasses in the back of your glassware cabinet? Dust them off and serve individual portions of dessert in them, says Stanton. A tiered platter or cake plate are also good finds. "They allow you to take advantage of vertical space

when you might not have room to lay out 10 different dishes and a turkey," she adds.

In terms of cabinet space, stackable is also the way to go. Look for stackable mixing bowls, serving bowls and measuring cups, Stanton says. "Your cabinets will thank you."

Condo cooks undertaking a large holiday meal should make time management a top priority.

If you find yourself getting overwhelmed by the idea of cooking a holiday meal in your condo kitchen, just take a deep breath and start planning ahead. You might realize that you can't realistically make everything you planned. If you know in advance, you can enlist friends and family members to bring something along.

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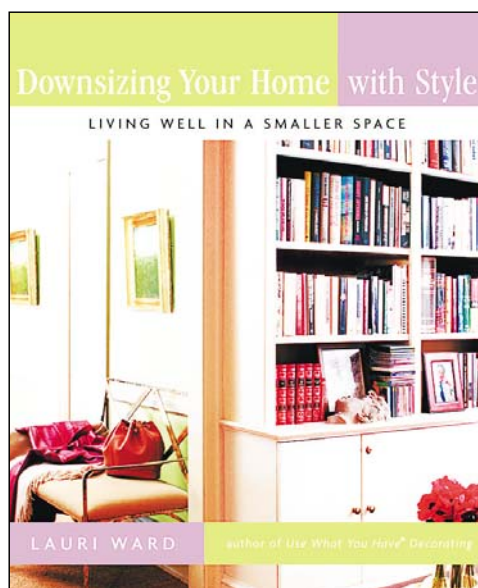
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Take a Page From the Pros

Hot off the presses: How-to tomes on thriftiness and literature on luxe living

You could say the newest home and design books reflect polar opposite reactions to today's financial turmoil. While some address downsizing or selling the home, others seem to be unaffected — or at least unconcerned — by the situation. **KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)**



1
DOWNSIZING YOUR HOME WITH STYLE (BY LAURI WARD, \$18, COLLINS LIVING) "Downsizing Your Home With Style" is filled with straightforward tips on how to plan for and make the most of diminutive quarters, especially when you're leaving behind more posh surroundings.

Some of the book's advice is reinforced visually, with "before" and "after" pictures that show how rooms can be organized to give the illusion of extra space. It's hard to argue with the when-in-doubt-store-it-out-of-sight notion once you see chaotic piles of books drowning a study in one "before" shot.

BEST FOR: Someone who wants basic tips on reorganizing and rearranging his or her home — regardless of its size.



2
TOWNHOUSES & MORE (BY SIBYLLE KRAMER, \$63, BRAUN) Produced by a Berlin-based publisher known for its coffee table volumes on contemporary architecture, "Townhouses & More" features swoon-worthy shots of sleek abodes from cities such as Berlin, Philadelphia, Tokyo and Vancouver.

Well-arranged photographs and floor plan sketches give a sense of the dimensions and atmosphere of more than 50 townhouses.

We love the geometric Tetris Apartments in Ljubljana, Slovenia; the building's exterior looks like a gigantic pattern from the Nintendo classic. And the striking circular Tietgen Dormitory in Copenhagen, Denmark, is so Ikea-hip, it makes us yearn to enroll in a school in Scandinavia.

BEST FOR: Design and architecture aficionados.

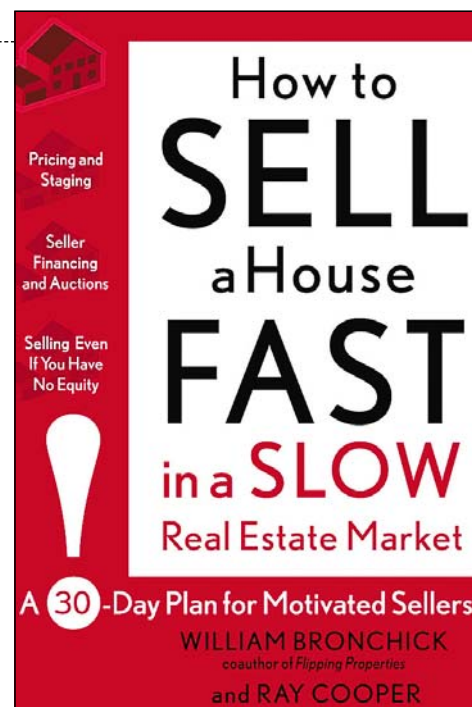
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HOW TO SELL A HOUSE FAST IN A SLOW REAL ESTATE MARKET (BY WILLIAM BRONCHICK AND RAY COOPER, \$20, WILEY)

Advice in this easy-to-read guide ranges from the theoretical (maintain a positive attitude; soul-search to find a real estate agent who is "right for you") to the practical (clean and repair your property before you put it on the market; be prepared to answer questions during open houses). Chapters walk you through the selling process, from the moment you decide to put your home on the market to when the buyer signs on the dotted line.

Even though "How to Sell" touts a 30-day plan, it also has a section dedicated to the worst-case scenario: a few months have passed without any bites. And a handy index includes examples of real estate resources for the enthusiastic do-it-yourself seller, such as sample sale ads for newspapers.

BEST FOR: Energetic, type-A individuals in pursuit of the speediest of sales.



4
FLANAGAN'S SMART HOME: THE 98 ESSENTIALS FOR STARTING OUT, STARTING OVER, SCALING BACK (BY BARBARA FLANAGAN, \$13, WORKMAN PUBLISHING)

"The perfect wineglass is the one that just broke in the dishwasher." "There's nothing glamorous about a toilet brush — nor should there be." "The desk you really need is a table."

"Flanagan's Smart Home" is filled with idiosyncratic statements like the ones above. Preaching a "deeper, smarter kind of materialism" in the home, Barbara Flanagan advises readers to invest carefully in 98 essential home furnishings and appliances (including no-brainers such as a trash can, and not-so-obvious items such as a Dutch oven), and to simplify their lives by tossing out the stuff they don't use.

BEST FOR: Anyone who would prefer to spend a little more to get a little more from their can openers or kettles.

5

NEUTRAL COLOR SCHEMES (BY ALICE BUCKLEY, \$30, FIREFLY BOOKS LTD.)

This "color scheme bible" is packed with photos of sleek interiors and colorful palette directories. Most of the book contains soothing paint swatches (five colors per page) and directions on how to make the combos work in your own home. Color schemes are organized thematically, so you can narrow down your choices based on your desire to decorate according to a concept like "ice cream" or "Parisian elegance."

Artists and paint swatch-hoarders will find the book fun to flip through simply for its color pairings. But "Neutral Color Schemes" probably isn't going to help most homeowners unless they are serious about a wall-to-wall transformation in their apartment, condo or house.

BEST FOR: Someone with an empty room (and a blank check, too).



“I like the way a rug creates and fills a space that people can inhabit.”

AMY HELFAND, ARTIST



AY, THERE'S THE RUG: Amy Helfand's wool and silk rug, left, and Crate and Barrel's shag carpet are among a new crop of eye-catching floor coverings. The designs let homeowners make a statement on the floor.

Exciting Things Afoot

Art-inspired rugs and carpets take center stage in the well-adorned home

The world of rugs is increasingly full of surprises: Wools and silks are sheared, sculpted, shagged and shaped into virtual works of art, crafted in luxurious textures and rich hues.

By nature, a carpet or rug shares a special kinship with an artist's canvas. It's up to homeowners whether to put these pieces on the wall or the floor.

Amy Helfand, a Chicago artist now based in New York City, says she made her first rug for an art

show at the public garden Wave Hill, in the Bronx. The rug's design was based on the garden's site plan, and the finished product was displayed in front of a fireplace in the old mansion on the property.

"I like the way a rug creates and fills a space that people can inhabit. I love the tactile aspect of rugs, especially the combination of wool and silk. ... There's a depth," Helfand says.

How does she feel about people walking on her artwork?

"My rugs are pretty demanding — they don't fade into the background of a room," she says. "The people who buy them appreciate them that way, so how they get used doesn't bother me."

Courtney Bush, who runs the

online home decor shop Bunny Maxwell, thinks people are becoming more comfortable expressing themselves through their homes. She's particularly taken with using strong colors and patterns to accent a neutral palette.

Her new collections of cotton dhurries and tufted wools and silks reflect her obvious affinity for nature themes and flamboyantly elegant graphics.

"Personal style shouldn't be confined to your wardrobe," says Bush.

Interior designer Graunk Enzenberger, who is also a principal of Chicago's OrangeSkin, a modern-decor retailer and design consultancy, sees rugs trending toward a "more 3-D look, with the more complicated patterns working best

in the same or similar colors, especially bold colors." OrangeSkin's 1960s-linked daisy rug, by Jose A. Gandia, fits the aesthetic in a playful fashion.

Crate and Barrel also reaches back in time to offer a spicy-toned shag carpet, a foil for the new tailored furniture.

Large flokatis in chocolate and white, new at Homegoods this fall, are also right on style and for sale for less than \$200.

In Europe, Belgium's "Floor to Heaven," the floor covering line created by German-born designer Michaela Schleypen, is generating buzz with some unusual rugs like the textural "Moon" and "In the Woods," featuring a faux bois pattern in soft caramel tones.

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Denmark's Bo Concept, which has retail stores and studios in the United States and abroad, and also sells online, offers "Flow" — waves of color that eddy across the floor — and the circular "Boas," with a striking black and white zinnia graphic.

Some of these rugs come at a price, yet may be good investments because of their quality and artistic value.

If lower cost is key, or frequent redecorating is a hobby, then consider off-price retailers or high-volume home furnishings stores. Both can be good sources for inexpensive yet attractive carpets. KIM COOK (AP)

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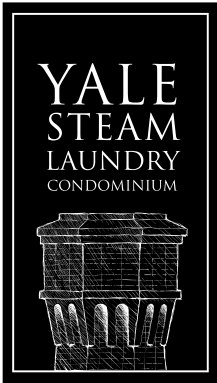
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STAR DESIGNER: HGTV personality Jen Bertrand will color 2009 in “Paint-Over.”

Her Brush With Style

HGTV’s newest guru shares pointers on how to paint your pad

JEN BERTRAND — blond, cheery, four-and-a-half-months’ pregnant — is perched atop tall scaffolding in the big, beige front room of a house in Silver Spring. She’s using stencils to paint vase-shaped patterns on the walls as part of her upcoming HGTV special, “Paint-Over” (airs Jan. 1 at 5 p.m.), in which she shows people how to use paint to update their homes. This pad belongs to a couple who didn’t know what to do with their enormous front room — so they just stuck an enormous TV in it. In an effort to make the room feel cozier, Bertrand is showing them how to break up the space with painted patterns.

As Bertrand paints, she also explains why and how to use stencils — when suddenly she flicks a blob of paint where it isn’t sup-

posed to be. “That’s the best part about paint: Everything is fixable,” Bertrand says to the camera, dabbing the mistake and showing how to paint over it. Not too long ago, Bertrand, 33, and her husband, Chris, were running their own design business in Kansas City. Then Bertrand made it onto the third season of HGTV’s “Design Star,” a seven-week reality competition among nine designers to win the chance to host their own design show. Bertrand won the weekly reality show in August, which led to her hosting “Paint-Over.” Ever since, she says, it’s been a whirlwind of television and travel, with the occasional visit home. We caught up with Bertrand during her lunch break from filming in mid-October. **ARIN GREENWOOD**

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Just a few layers of new paint can help perk up a drab room, says Jen Bertrand.

I have all my clients do this, even if they're working with a designer: Create your own style file. Basically, you just go through home magazines and rip them apart. You'll start to see your personal style, and you'll see what you're drawn to based on that alone. [You'll realize,] "My gosh, I like everything clean and light," or, "I really like bold color."

If you are really intimidated by choosing colors, you can find designers who will do color consultations for you and come help you choose your paint palette. But be sure to find a designer who you feel understands your style and what you're about.

And when you're ready to paint but still not sure [where], paint two coats of the color on huge poster boards and hang them around the room. Look at them in morning, day and evening light to see how the light in your space affects the color. A little quart of paint and some poster board — [those materials] can help save you a lot of time.

What are some of your tips for making a small condo seem bigger? Don't break up all of your flooring. For example, run dark hardwood floors throughout and then create separate spaces with area rugs. You can do the same thing with paint on the walls. Find a shade of a color you love, and either have that color flow or just change tones of that color as you progress through the condo, going up or down a few shades on the paint strip.

Also, remember you can paint your ceiling the same color as your walls, and that helps it feel taller in there because you're not stopping

your paint at the ceiling. Try it in a guest bathroom first and then you'll see!

Where do you recommend people shop for inexpensive accent pieces like cool pillows and art?

I love finding artists' one-of-a-kind pieces. Sometimes art institutes will have holiday sales where students will sell their work. You could also go to eBay, or take blank canvases and turn them into pieces of art — paint them with abstract designs or with solid colors.

Paint your ceiling the same color as your walls to make a room feel taller.

I have dresses that I love that I don't fit into and I'll find a tailor to make pillows out of them. Why waste money when you may decide this season you want lime as your accent color and next season you want turquoise?

If you need a cool sculpture, go to a garden store and look at outdoor garden things. Architectural salvage places are awesome.

I always tell people, on your big expensive things, go very classic — little black dress — because your style may change and you could get sick of something. It's OK to play it safe on the expensive things.

And if you can't afford to design it all at once, do it a little at a time, as your budget allows. But don't think of each room as an individual.

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You're trying to create a harmony throughout the whole thing.

What should people do with their TV in a small space so it doesn't take up an entire wall?

I love to hide them away as if they're works of art with happy surprises behind them. You can buy an unfinished cabinet, and you can either mount a photograph [on it], or you can paint an abstract image on it. You could also wrap a mirror on a cabinet to make your space feel bigger.

But you don't want to look like you're designing around a TV by hiding it in a cabinet. Some of my friends have bought frames to put around the TV, so you still see the TV but it's framed out so it's not just hanging on the wall.

You went from being a small-business owner and interior designer to a TV show contestant to the host



WINNING SETUP: Bertrand shows off a room she redesigned for a "Design Star" challenge. She won the competition in August.

of your own HGTV special. What's it like being a TV show host?

I love it! This is what I love to do — to inspire and enable homeowners to create fabulous spaces themselves.

Don't think of each room as an individual. Create harmony throughout the home.

My favorite part is that every design I do is unique to that homeowner because I get to figure out what their "warm fuzzy" is. You should walk into a space and it should feel like home. It should impact your emotions and you should say, "I love this room!" And it's just helping people figure out how to be able to make their spaces feel like a beautiful, cohesive design without breaking the bank.

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Extreme Real Estate

Developers stage open houses with fancy freebies to draw condo buyers

David Mayhood isn't a fan of holding raffles, hiring musicians or giving away flat-screen TVs at the open houses that his condominium marketing and sales firm holds.

But cozy private dinners for six? Demonstrations of high-end kitchen appliances? These are the extra touches that Mayhood, president of the Mayhood Co. in McLean, Va.,

has been using to add dash to the open houses he has arranged for Turnberry Tower, a luxury high-rise condo development targeted to open a year from now in Rosslyn.

He is among a growing number of real estate professionals across the country who are holding what are known as extreme open houses to entice potential buyers to come through the doors. These open houses up the ante, turning what is normally a quick peek into a home on a Sunday afternoon into an event.

Agents holding extreme open houses may hire professional musicians to play as guests tour the prop-



HIGH HOPES: Private open houses promote Turnberry Tower, shown in a rendering.

erty. They may pay to have skilled chefs create gourmet meals to show off a remodeled kitchen. Other agents have held wine tastings and, if the home happens to have a sprawling backyard, an extrava-

gant barbecue.

Mayhood considers his private-dinner open houses to be essential sales tools for Turnberry. The parties are a way to set the luxury tower apart from other buildings,

“This kind of event is designed to give [buyers] a feel of what they may be investing in.”

DAVID MAYHOOD, MAYHOOD CO.

Mayhood said. Representatives of Miele, the company supplying high-end appliances for Turnberry, fix a gourmet meal for guests, and Mayhood supplements the meal with wine from a local shop.

As of late October, Mayhood had held six dinners to promote Turnberry. Some of these guests have turned into buyers, he said.

“We have an average sales price of \$1.5 million with this project,” Mayhood said. “Buyers need to take awhile to think about their purchase in this price range. This kind of event is designed to give them a feel of what they may be investing in.”

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